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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 20, 1898.

	P.M.	Night.	A.M		A.M.	A.M.	P.M
New York....	8.00	12.15	.....	.....	9.00	2.00	
Philadelphia.	11.20	4.30	7.00	8.30	12.25	4.35	
Washington ...	10.40	.....	.....	7.50	10.50	.....	
Baltimore	11.41	4.50	.....	8.40	11.45	.....	

	D'ly A.M	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. P. M.	Dly P.M.
Harrisburg.....	3.00	8.00	11.48	11.45	3.50	5.00
Rockville		8.12	11.59	.....	.....	5.13
Marysville.....	3.14	8.17	12.03	.....	.....	5.18
Duncannon.....	3.29	8.35	12.16	.....	4.15	5.34
Newport	3.52	9.05	12.37	.....	4.35	6.02
Millerstown.		9.15	12.45	.....	.....	6.11
Thompsontown		9.26	12.53	.....	.....	6.21
Port Royal.....	4.25	9.44	1.07	.....	.....	6.38
Mifflin	4.30	9.50	1.11	.....	5.07	6.43
Lewistown Jc.	4.52	10.13	1.30	1.10	5.27	7.07
McVeytown....	5.15	10.38	1,49	.....	.....	7.30
N. Hamilton...	5.33	11.00	2.06	.....	.....	7.50
Mount Union...	5.39	11.06	2.10	.....	6.08	7.56
Mapleton.	5.45	11.13	2.15	.....	.....	8.02
Huntingdon, ...	6.03	11.32	2.29	2.01	6.27	8.20
Petersburg	6 19	11.47	2.43	.....	.....	8.33
Birmingham ...	6.46	12.13	3.07	h	l	8.56
Tyrone.	6.52	12.20	3.12	2.40	7.04	9.02
Bellwood	7.17	12.41	3.29	.....	7.23	9.20
Altoona.....	7.40	1.00	3.45	3.10	7.40	9.35
Pittsburg.....	12.10	5.50	8.40	6.55	11.30	2.00
	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M

Harrisburg 10.20, Rockville 10.31, Marysville 10.34, Duncannon 10.47, Newport 11.06 Millerstown 11.14, Mifflin 11.40, Lewistown Junction 11.58, p. m. Huntingdon 12.55, Tyrone 1.32, Altoona 2.00, Pittsburg 5.30 a. m.

"h" stops to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Week days	A.M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	Dly P.M.	D'ly. P. M.	D'ly. P. M.
Pittsburg.....		2.50	8.00		12.45	4.30
Altoona.....	5.00	7.15	11.40	2.05	5.50	9.05
Bellwood.....	5.12	7.30	11.52	2.19	6.04	9.19
Tyrone	5.24	7.48	12.03	2.35	6.20	9.33
Birmingham .	5.28	7.53	g	2.40	6.24	
Petersburg ...	5 45	8.17		3.03	6.47	
Huntingdon....	5.57	8.30	12.35	3.17	7.00	10.12
Mapleton. 6.11		8.47		3.35	7.15	
Mt. Union.....	6.16	8.53	12.54	3.42	7.21	10.32
N. Hamilton ...	6.21	8.58		3.47	7.26	
McVeytown....	6.37	9.15		4.08	7.44	
Lewiston Jc....	6.58	9.35	1.33	4.33	8.06	11.16
Mifflin.....	7.18	9.55	1.50	4.55	8.26	11.37
Port Royal.....	7.22	9.59		5.00	8.31	
Thompsontown	7.37	10.14		5.18	8.47	
Millerstown. ...	7.46	10.22		5.28	8.57	
Newport	7.55	10.32	2.24	5.39	9.05	
Duncannon.....	8.20	10.54	2.44	6.08	9.29	
Marysville	8.33	11.07	2.56	6.26	9.43	
Rockville.	8.38	11.12		6.32	9.48	
Harrisburg.....	8.50	11.25	3.10	6.45	10.00	1.00

Pittsburg 2.50, Altoona 6.05, Tyrone 6.27, Huntingdon 6.57, Harrisburg 9.10 A. M. daily.

	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M.		A.M
Baltimore.....	11.55	*3.11	6.00	9.45			
Washington..	1.00	*4.10	7.15	10.55			
Phila.....	11.48	11.52	*3.00	6.23	10.20		4.30
New York	2.13	2.23	*5.53	9.30	3.53		7.13

Additional trains are run as under:—

Leave Pittsburg 8.30 P. M. daily, Altoona 12.15 A. M., Huntingdon 1.10 A. M.; arrive Harrisburg 3.40 A. M., Philadelphia 6,52 A. M.

Leave Pittsburg 7.30 A. M. daily, Altoona 11.05 A. M., Tyrone 11.30 A. M., Huntingdon 12.03 P. M., Lewistown Junction 1.02 p. m., arrive Harrisburg 2.40p.m., Philadelhia 5.47 p. m., New York, Desbrosses and Cortlandt Sts. 8.08; W. Twenty-third St. Station 8.20 p. m., Baltimore 6,00 p.m., Washington 7.15 p.m.

*Week-days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops on signal only.

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For Milroy 6.40, 10.20 A. M. and 3.00 p. M. week days.

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NORTH. Irreg., No.5.	Mail, No.3	Mail, No.1	STATIONS.	SOUTH. Mail, No. 2.	Mail, No. 4	Irreg., No. 6.
a.m.	P.M.	a.m		A. M.	p. m.	a. m.
7 22	1 07	6 20	Robertsdale	11 39	6 39	7 04
7 34	1 19	6 32	Cook's	11 24	6 27	6 54
7 46	1 31	6 44	Cole's	11 09	6 15	6 34
8 14	1 59	7 10	Saltillo	10 39	5 30	6 01
8 22	2 07	7 17	Three Springs	10 30	5 21	5 54
8 34	2 19	7 29	*Beersville	10 15	5 07	5 42
8 49	2 34	7 43	Rockhill	9 53	4 44	5 30
	2 50	8 00	Shirley	9 38	4 29	
	3 00	8 08	*Augh. Mills	9 30	4 21	
	3 21	8 28	Mount Union	9 15	4 06	
a. m.	p. m.	a.m		a. m.	p. m.	a. m.

Irreg. No. 7, leaves Robertsdale 5.03 p. m., Cook's 5.13, Cole's 5.25, Saltillo 5.45, Three Springs 5.53, Beersville 6.05, arrive at Rockhill 6.20 p. m.

Irreg. No. 8, leaves Rockhill 3.10 p. m., Beersville 3.22, Three Springs 3.34, Saltillo 3.41, Cole's 4.06, Cook's 4.18, arrive at Robertsdale 4.30 p. m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST. Irreg. No. 12.	Mail, No. 10	STATIONS.	EAST Irreg. No 9	Mail, No. 11
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
5 50	7 25	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 55
5 43	7 18	*Blacklog	6 37	5 02
5 35	7 10	*Cedar Rock	6 45	5 10
5 31	7 06	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 14
5 25	7 00	*Shade Gap	6 55	5 20
		Stair		
		A Goshorn L		

Mail trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 and irregular trains 9 and 12 run daily except Sunday. Irregular trains 5, 6, 7 and 8 do not run daily, but carry passengers when run.

* Flag stations.

A. W. GREENWOOD, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 25—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—"Truths taught by Christmas."—Luke ii, 8-20.

The topical reference is Luke's story of the birth of Christ—the story of how when born He was laid in the manger, of the coming of the shepherds, their fear and their joy, of the angels' song of heaven, "Glory to God In the Highest," and of the wonderment of the people; matchless, marvelous, joyous story, that has brought hope into the heart of millions of human beings and that will continue to do so while the world stands.

Christmas teaches many important truths, and the search for truth at Bethlehem is singularly appropriate on a Christmas day that comes on the Sabbath. The truths of Christmas are hopeful, inspiring and joyful. They fill us with joy. They inspire us with hope. They make the world look brighter and rob the future of its terror. The birth of the Son of God as the Saviour of the world was enough to dispel even the despondency and gloom of the world in the time of Christ. It should be enough to make the present age ring with joy and gladness.

1. Christmas teaches a lesson on God's love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" for it. This "giving" had its first actual demonstration on the first Christmas day. The birth of Christ at Bethlehem was the first earthly step toward Calvary and its great gift. It was the beginning of the fulfillment of prophecy, which declared the greatness of the love of God for the world. It was as much the love of God that gave Christ at Bethlehem as it was at Calvary.

2. Christmas teaches a lesson on faith. It teaches us to trust and believe in God, although we cannot understand all about God. As we look at the Babe of Bethlehem and see in Him both God and man we are astounded at the miracle before us. Who can fathom the mystery of the incarnation of the "word made flesh?" Who can understand it? Who can explain it? No human mind, but we can believe it. The future life of the Babe of Bethlehem proved Him to be both God and man. We can believe it, but not fathom it. God, both in His attributes and in His dealings with men, is unfathomable. The great doctrines of Christianity are beyond finite human understandings. "Now we see through a glass darkly." But we can believe in God, though we cannot fully understand Him.

3. Christmas teaches a lesson on salvation. It teaches us that the world is to be saved from sin. "Unto you is born * * * a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The world is to be saved. What a glorious, hope inspiring truth! The Son of God is the Saviour; therefore the salvation will not fail.

4. Christmas teaches a lesson on the faithfulness of God to His promises. Christ was promised. Christ came. God has been and always will be faithful to His promises.

Bible Readings.—Gen. iii, 15; Isa. ix, 6, 7; xi, 1-9; Math. ii, 1-12; Luke, ii, 1-14; xv, 1-24; John iii, 16; I Cor. vi, 19, 20; xiii, 12; Heb. x, 23.

Be Not Discouraged.

Often a minister is discouraged, and, as he thinks, with reason. Yet let him take heart; God sees results that are not apparent to him. If he is faithful to his commission, he cannot wholly fail, for the preaching of the gospel is a most sensible business. It is the employment of a divinely appointed means, a means thoroughly calculated to reach the desired end, the use of means exactly adapted to meet a want that is the deepest want of the human soul.—Moravian.

Companions and Comradeship.

Young people have a need of companionship not fully recognized by many in older years. The social nature is developing. Childhood with its years of learning under close parental guidance has been passed. The personal powers of reason are developing. The whole nature is in process of transformation.

The need is felt for association with those of the same age. Ideas are to be interchanged, ideals compared, confidences shared and the man and woman life to emerge.

How essential for happiness and success that the right companions be found. What influence an evening walk, an hour spent in a social gathering, may have over the whole after life! More powerful than books are living words. What opportunities for good or evil lie in the attachments made in early life! Oceans may separate, business occupations may occupy attention, long years may pass, but the early friendship, if pure and generous, persists across all the distance and time. Even death itself is powerless to untwist the strands which true fellowship spins in early years around congenial souls.

Court Notes--Second Week.

The second week of Court convened Monday afternoon with all the Judges on the bench.

Two civil cases were tried last week. The first: Geo. W. Bales vs. S. W. Cummins, to recover for a cultivator alleged to be sold. The verdict was for the defendant.

The second case. J. Nelson Warfel vs. Jno. M. Starr. an action of interpleader to determine the ownership of certain personal property. The case was settled by agreement of a verdict for defendant for $150.00.

There were only two civil cases open for trial this week, all the others being continued.

The first case called was the Saxton Iron Co. vs. D. K. Coder, to recover for trees cut on certain land in Carbon township and involving a long trial of title to the land, which defendant claimed under a deed from the county treasurer. The verdict was for the plaintiff by direction of the court.

The next case was Thomas Cisney vs. The Penna. Sewer Pipe Co., Ltd, to recover damages for personal injuries received by the plaintiff while digging clay for the company in May, 1896. The court directed a verdict for the defendant on the ground of contributory negligence.

The following motions and petitions were presented:

Answer of W. H. Johnston to rule to show cause why sale of real estate of Wm. B. Johnston, late of Franklin township, deceased, should not be set aside.

Bond of B. S. Rumberger, sheriff-elect, was approved.

Motions and reasons were filed for new trial in case of Walter Coffman, convicted of furnishing tobacco to Reformatory prisoners.

Specific performance of contract awarded in estate of Margaret Miller, late of Shirley township, deceased, for sale of certain land in Shirley township to Hannah L. Miller, with citation to Mary J. Parsons.

J. Simpson Africa, guardian of Mary Catherine Hefright, authorized to use portion of principal of ward's estate for medical attendance,

Costs in re report of J. F. Shock, esq., auditor to distribute funds arising from sale of real estate of Ellen A. Maguire, ordered to be paid.

Inquisition awarded to make partition of the real estate of Silas Drake, late of Dublin township, deceased.

Alias subpoena in divorce awarded in case of Jno. Werba vs. Anna Werba.

Report of S. I. Spyker, esq., auditor to distribute balance in hands of H. H. Waite, esq., administrator of Henry Penrose, late of Birmingham, deceased, confirmed nisi.

P. W. Magsam, convicted at September term for selling cider, was released from jail.

Sale of real estate of Samuel H. Ewing, late of West township, deceased, confirmed nisi.

Judgment for want of appearance awarded in No. 1, Dec. Term, 1898, D. H. Barrick, admnr. of David Barrick, vs. R. C. Gregory and also in No. 2, Dec. Term, 1898, same vs. R. C. Gregory and Mary Gregory.

F. A. Fink, convicted last week of furnishing money to prisoners, was sentenced to pay a fine of $1.00 and costs; and Walter Coffman for the same offense was fined $5.00 and costs.

W. J. Forbes, esq., appointed auditor to distribute funds in hands of E. S. McMurtrie, esq., trustee of Daniel Whittaker, now deceased.

T. W. Myton, esq., appointed auditor to distribute balance in hands of N. G. McDivitt, administrator of Robert McDivitt, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.

J. C. Jackson, esq., appointed auditor to distribute balance in hands of J. R. Simpson, esq., administrator of W. M. Thompson, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.

Citation of David F. Miller et al. to show cause why certain annuity due from estate of Samuel Miller, late of Orbisonia, deceased, should not be paid out of real estate.

William A. Goshorn, guardian of the minor children of Annie M. Cisney, late of Tell township, deceased, was authorized to join in sale of certain real estate to E. C. Kern.

On Friday morning further testimony was heard by the court in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Alex. Trimble for assault and battery on the person of Gilbert Greenberg last May. Mr. Trimble was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and the costs.

Frank S. Brewster, N. G. Neff and Nevin Knode were appointed to review a private road from residence of John Weeland in Franklin township.

J. M. Africa, C. S. Heeter and J. F. N. Householdor were appointed to view location for public road in Porter township from near farm of Jacob C. Neff to road from Alexandria to Petersburg.

C. E. Benson, Huyett Isenberg and Campbell Stewart were appointed reviewers for public road in Porter township from land of Isaac Martin's heirs to Cresswell's mill at Petersburg.

R. A. Zentmyer, T. W. Montgomery and J. E. Barr were appointed viewers for public road in Logan township from main valley road to back road.

J. M. Africa, George Dixon, John G. Simpson, W. W. Robb, P. P. Brumbaugh, L. E. Hagerty and Harrison Speck were appointed viewers to assess damages sustained by John M. Jeffries by reason of the Tuscarora Valley Railroad company crossing his lands in Dublin township.

Court adjourned until Monday, January 9th, 1899, at ten o'clock.

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Resolutions of Respect.

At a regular meeting of Hare's Valley Summit Grange No. 933, P. of H., December 17, 1898, a committee was appointed and the following resolutions were passed on the death of Nicholas Rider who was a member of said organization.

WHEREAS, Death has invaded our ranks for the first time and claimed as his victim our brother, Nicholas Rider; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother we have lost one of our most earnest, charitable, patriotic and faithful members and while we miss him we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in three of the county papers and a copy be sent to the family and also be recorded in the minutes of the Grange.

FRED, B. DRAKE,
WILLIAM H. SMYERS,
Committee.

School Report.

Following is the report of Calvin school, Union township, for month ending December 5, 1898:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole No. enrolled,	8	14	22
Average attendance,	6	11	17
Per cent. of "	85	95	90

The following pupils missed no time during the month: Coy Coder, Zillah Steele, Olga Wright, Chloe Wright, Gussie Glasgow, Emma Steel, Ida Steel, Mena Glasgow.

HARPER E. SWOPE, teacher.

—W. G. Ewing, Mount Union, Pa., has ladies' coats and capes, new this season, at very reasonable prices. Also misses' jackets and long coats at bargain prices.

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A GAS TANK COLLAPSES.

Peculiar Accident That Killed and Injured Many in New York City.

GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Air Explodes a Huge Gas Tank—Tons of Water Flood Streets and Wreck Houses—Three Killed and Many Wounded—The Contractor and Engineer Arrested—Homicide the Charge.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—With a rasping, crashing roar that completely drowned the tumult of the city's streets and the buzz of the surrounding factories the great steel gas tank of the Consolidated Gas Company at Avenue A and Twentieth street said to be the largest of the sort in the world, collapsed at 5.30 o'clock Tuesday night. Three people were killed, seventeen others were injured, and three persons known to be in the neighborhood at the time were missing. Masonry of granite blocks and bricks to the height of half a hundred feet fell as a child's toy house of blocks, and let loose eight million gallons of water, deluging the busy shops, and, in a great tidal wave, carrying death and destruction and injury through the surrounding neighborhood.

The dead are: Pious Baum, engineer in adjacent factory; John Gray, gateman; Andrew Wendt, workman.

The wounded are: Michael Duer, twenty-five years old, contusions; Timothy Dunn, fifty-five years old, general contusions and submersion by water; Henry Fuldner, manufacturer, submersion; Herman Fuldner, son of Henry Fuldner, contusions and submersion; William Kane, lacerated face and contusions; Thomas Kearney, fifteen years old, almost drowned; Hugh Kelly, fifteen years old, almost drowned; Patrick Malloy, twenty-eight years old, engineer; August Huffelbecht, thirty-six years old, lacerations of face and body and submersion; John Miller, fourteen years old, almost drowned; Catharine O'Connell, four years old, broken leg and contusions; Mary Ann O'Connell, nineteen years old, lacerated body; Patrick O'Neilly, twenty-nine years old, general contusions, laceration of the face; Charles Quigg, twenty-nine years old, lacerated face and wounds on body; Jacob Wagner, thirty-eight years old, general contusions; Peter Walker, forty-nine years old, shoulder and contusions; Charles Wright, thirty-five years old, general contusions.

The gas tank proper, which was built on the telescopic plan, was 160 feet high, constructed in three sections, and was supported by twelve immense cast iron pillars, which were 212 feet high.

Underneath the gas tank and surrounded by the huge iron pillars was a water pit which was forty-two feet in depth and contained 8,000,000 gallons of water. Twenty-five feet of this water pit was above the surface of the ground constructed of solid masonry.

It was upon this cushion of 8,000,000 gallons of water contained in the water pit that the gas tank itself rested, much as though one would take an empty glass and place it upside down in a larger glass filled with water.

There was no bottom to the gas tank, the water in which it rested making it air tight. A pipe running up through the water pit carried the gas up into the tank and its telescopic sides arose as the gas filled it.

When the collapse came it was so complete that the thick masonry walls of the water pit fell apart and the immense volume of water it contained poured out, deluge like, rushing in a torrent through the streets to a depth of about four feet.

So resistless was this current that iron pipes and girders weighing tons were carried a block away by it and broken and twisted by the fury with which it tossed them about.

In this flood scores of men, women and children were caught and hurled about like straws. Rapidly subsiding, the torrent left them half drowned and frozen, with bones broken and bodies bruised, strewn about for a block in every direction.

W. J. Logan, of the Logan Iron Works, the contractor who was building the tank, and William H. Bradley, the chief engineer of the Consolidated Gas Company, and said to be jointly responsible with Logan for the work, were placed under arrest. Both were charged with homicide, and admitted to $10,000 bail.

SECRETARY BLISS'S RESIGNATION.

It Is Said He Will Retire From President McKinley's Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Secretary of the Interior Bliss will resign from President McKinley's Cabinet within a very short time. This can be stated on the very highest authority.

The resignation of Secretary Bliss will be due entirely to personal reasons. He accepted the Interior portfolio upon the assurance that he would be at liberty to resign within six months. The Secretary found his duties more congenial than he expected, and the President and other members of the Cabinet were so insistent upon his remaining that he extended the time. When the war came on he felt it his duty to stand by the President until that was over. The peace treaty has been signed now, and he feels at liberty to return to private life.

The retirement of Secretary Bliss from the Cabinet will be the filth break in the President's official family since his inauguration, not quite two years ago. First Postmaster-General Gary was forced to resign on account of ill-health. Attorney-General McKenna next resigned to accept an appointment to the Supreme bench. Then came the forced retirement of Secretary Sherman, and this was followed a few months ago by the resignation of Secretary Day. When Secretary Bliss's resignation is accepted the record will have been broken.

Clever Counterfeit Silver Coin.

A dangerous counterfeit silver coin has recently been widely circulated in the region surrounding Memphis, Tenn. The counterfeit is of the standard silver dollar, and all of the counterfeits so far discovered bear date of 1890. It is believed that something like 200,000 of them have gained circulation. The counterfeit has the same ring, apparently the same weight and certainly the same external marks as the genuine.

Fighting in Formosa.

Six Japanese policemen and an inspector have been killed and a town burned by rebels in Formosa.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The average number of hours constituting a day's labor in North Carolina cotton mills is 11¾.

Workingmen of Georgia are agitating for a State Bureau of Labor and labor statistics.

Memphis, Tenn., has adopted the eight-hour rule for all laborers and mechanics in the employ of the city.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Labor reports that in 1897 textile workers in that State averaged less than $1.10 per day.

The Canadian Minister of Justice has decided for the present to discontinue prosecutions under the Alien Labor act, passed in 1897.

In Syria a journeyman tailor makes sixty cents a day, a silk spinner seventy-five cents a day, and an iron worker (fancy) $3 per week.

Japan is said to be the only country where there are more jobs than workers, even with the introduction of labor-saving machinery.

The Michigan Supreme Court has given a decision which in effect declares a boycott to be an unlawful and unwarrantable menace, intimidation and coercion.

Santo Domingo does not offer much inducememt for the foreign laborer to settle there, as he cannot compete with the native, who labors sixteen hours a day.

By a referendum vote the German-American Typographia has decided to increase its dues five cents per week and raise the out-of-work benefits from $60 to $80 per year.

The labor movement in Switzerland consists of fourteen city central bodies, seventy-eight national and 203 local organizations, having a total membership of about 103,000.

Deputy State Factory Inspector Hull has ordered 300 children of school age out of several factories at East Liverpool, Ohio. The girls were employed in pottery decorating.

Boston Councilmen have resolved unanimously that city laborers should be paid $2.25 per day, and have asked the Mayor to instruct the heads of departments to provide in their estimates for this increased compensation.

Ben Watson, one of the oldest engineers in the country, died at East Stroudsburg, Penn. For forty-two years Watson has been an employe of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. He ran the old Johnny Bull, the first locomotive ever brought to America.

CYCLING NOTES.

Based on the bicycle tax, it is estimated that there are only about 77,000 cyclists in Italy.

The Belgian Touring Club compels in its own road rules all its members to use a brake.

A Western firm has applied for a patent on a tire cover which can be fitted to any ordinary tire.

The wheelmen are uniting in Milwaukee, Wis., in a movement to require all wheels to be registered and have a number.

The recent census of cyclists in France, which has been made for purposes of taxation, shows that there are 303,649 owners of machines.

Dr. and Mrs. McIlrath, who recently arrived in Chicago, completing a trip around the world, showed by their cyclometers that they had covered 29,300 miles.

The bearings of a safety which require oiling most frequently are those of the bottom bracket and back-wheel hub, and don't altogether forget the front wheel.

Professor West, of Stevens Institute, has begun an investigation to determine whether the chain or chainless bicycle offers the greater resistance to a side wind.

One of the rules of a Melbourne (Australia) wheelwomen's club insists that every member shall pay her own expenses when men are invited to join in the club runs.

It is estimated that the Racing Board of the L. A. W. received $2000 from the registration of professional riders in 1898 and over $3000 from the fees for sanctions of race meets.

It is estimated that more than one million bicycles were made in the United States in 1897, and bicycles were exported to the value of $6,902,737, nearly a third of which went to England.

The Cyclists' Union in England has collected $500 to fight the Great Northern Railway for the purpose of testing the right of railway companies to charge for cycles when accompanied by a passenger.

The latest thing in gears is the hydraulic cycle gear. The power is transmitted through a pneumatic tube from the crank, which acts as a force pump, on the principle of the hydraulic press, to a geared hub.

Boston's Cycle Board of Trade has decided, after canvassing the situation, that the margin of profit in bicycles is too small and the expenses of a show too large to permit it to indulge in an exhibition of this kind this winter.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Archbishop Ireland is working to secure annexation of Cuba.

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, is opposed to territorial expansion.

Senator McMillan still carries a watch given him by his father when he came of age.

The Grand Duke of Luxembourg is the oldest reigning ruler in Europe. He is in his eighty-second year.

Sir William Jenner, the distinguished pathologist and Physician in Ordinary to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, died in London.

The friends of Senator McMillan, of Michigan, say that when his term as Senator expires he will return to Detroit and engage in active business.

The late Samuel Plimsoll, widely known as "the sailor's friend," left nearly the whole of his estate, valued at $200,000, to his wife and adopted daughter.

The English medical papers announce that the Prince of Wales has entirely recovered from the painful accident to his knee which he suffered last July.

General H. W. Lawson, of Santiago fame, is a collector of army autographs and has the signatures of several hundred of the most famous soldiers of our army.

There is no truth in the report that Lord Kitchener of Khartoum is losing his sight. He recently visited an ophthalmic surgeon who said that there was practically nothing the matter with his eyes.

Dr. David Jayne Hill, our new Assistant Secretary of State, is said to owe his appointment to his close friendship with Ambassador White. He is forty-eight years old, the son of a Baptist minister.

Senor Don Rafael Iglesias, President of Costa Rica, who visited this country to benefit his health and to study, incidentally, the institutions of the United States, comes of an ancient and distinguished Costa Rican family. He is only thirty-six years of age.

M'KINLEY AT ATLANTA.

President Addresses Georgia's Legislature on the New Union.

THE MAKING OF A NEW EPOCH.

Atlanta's Peace Jubilee—The President Attends With Secretaries Gage, Long, Wilson and Smith—He Occupies the Speaker's Chair—President McKinley Reviews a Floral Parade.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special).—President McKinley made memorable the first day of the Atlanta Peace Jubilee by a noble utterance in his speech before the joint session of the Georgia Legislature Wednesday afternoon. It is admitted on all sides that the address marks an epoch in American history.

Upon the President's arrival at the Captol he was greeted with a field artillery salute and was at once escorted to Governor Candler's office. There a short informal reception took place. Upon its conclusion the President was conducted to the Assembly chamber, where he occupied the Speaker's chair, with Governor Candler on his right.

On the first row sat Secretaries Gage, Long, Wilson and Smith and Secretary to the President Porter. Besides the Speaker's desk and below the President sat Generals Wheeler, Lawton and Young in full uniform. As the President rose the audience applauded, and during the course of his short speech he constantly paused for the cheers to stop.

The President said:

"Sectional lines no longer mar the map of the United States. The Union is once more the common atlas of our love and loyalty, our devotion and sacrifice. The old flag again waves over us in peace with new glories which your sons and ours have this year added to its sacred folds. The memory of the dead will be a precious legacy and the disabled will be the nation's care.

"A nation which cares for its disabled soldiers as we have always done will never lack defenders. The national cemeteries for those who fell in battle are proof that the dead as well as the living have our love. And while, when those graves were made, we differed widely about the future of this Government, the differences were long ago settled by the arbitrament of arms, and the time has now come when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers.

"The cordial feeling which now happily exists between the North and South prompts this gracious act, and if it needed further justifiction it is found in the gallant loyalty to the Union and the flag so conspicuously shown in the year just passed by the sons and grandsons of these heroic dead.

"What a glorious future awaits us if unitedly, wisely and bravely we face the problems now pressing upon us, determined to solve them for right and humanity."

When the President referred to the Confederate dead a wild cheer went up from every throat in the typical Southern audience. Of all the many conciliatory speeches which have been made since Grant said "Let there be peace" nothing has more deeply stirred a Southern audience than the simple words of President McKinley.

No sooner had the President concluded before there were loud cries for Wheeler, and when that little man got up, his head scarcely higher than the Speaker's desk, the audience once more gave vent to wild enthusiasm. General Wheeler paid a tribute to Admiral Dewey.

The day's festivities included a unique floral parade, which was reviewed by the President, and President McKinley and party were given a brilliant reception at the Capital City Club. At one end of the ball room a tall pyramid of palms appeared, which bloomed every color of the rainbow. The President and his party stood at the left of this pyramid to receive. The other ladies who stood with him were Mrs. McKinley and the ladies of the Cabinet. This reception was the one in which the society element and distinguished people of Atlanta met the Chief Executive.

COLONEL BRYAN SPEAKS.

He is Opposed to the Expansion Policy and Thinks We Are in Danger.

SAVANNAH, Ga. (Special).—Col. William J. Bryan has donned citizen's dress and said farewell to his army friends.

He broke his long silence before leaving, saying, among other things, that he believed he could be more useful to his country as a civilian. In speaking of new public questions, he said he thought the nation in greater danger than Cuba was, for the people must defend themselves against the colonial idea.

COLONEL WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Imperialism was antagonistic to the ideals cherished since the Declaration of Independence. A house divided against itself could not stand, and so this nation could not endure half republic and half colony—half free and half vassal.

As a remedy Bryan did not think that a fight should be made against ratification, but America should take the islands and give all self-government, reserving a harbor and coaling station in Porto Rico and the Philippines, and in Cuba, too.

Outlook For Reciprocity Hopeful.

The outlook for an agreement on reciprocity between the United States and Canada by the Joint High Commission is said to be hopeful.

MADMAN KILLS THREE PEOPLE.

Michigan Farmer Takes His Life After Committing Triple Homicide.

FREESOIL, Mich. (Special). — William Hitchings during a fit of insanity murdered his brother-in-law, John Hunt; also his sister, Mrs. Hunt, and Thomas Hayward, a sixteen-year-old youth employed by Hunt. Hitchings then cut his own throat.

Hitchings, Hunt and Hayward were cutting wood together on Hunt's farm, two miles west of this village, when Hitchings, without warning, attacked his brother-in-law with an axe, killing him instantly. The insane man then chased Hayward until the latter slipped and fell, and Hitchings killed the prostrate boy with his axe. Hitchings next covered his brother-in-law's body with brush and then proceeded to the farmhouse, and after a terrible and desperate struggle with Mrs. Hunt, he stabbed her in the neck with a jackknife, killing her also. After the woman's body was disposed of by being pushed under a bed, Hitchings went up stairs to his own room, leaving unmolested a baby asleep in its cradle. The madman's last act was to apply the jackknife to his own throat. He succeeded in killing himself, evidently after two attempts.

Hitchings was considered to be not bright mentally and out of his mind at times. No adequate reason for his awful crimes is as yet known. The dead woman's young daughter found her mother's body on her return from school. Her clothes had been nearly torn off in the struggle.

TRAIN KILLS EIGHT MEN.

Polish Laborers Were Shoveling Snow When They Were Mowed Down.

BUFFALO, N. Y. (Special).—Foreman John Warner and a gang of Polish laborers were shoveling the snow off Track No. 3 at Winspeare Bridge, near Corfu, on the New York Central Railroad, when a freight train came laboring ponderously up the steep incline. They continued work until the train was almost upon them. Then they jumped out of the way. Those who jumped to the north escaped. Those who jumped to the south were nearly all struck by an express train coming down Track No. 2 with fearful velocity. The engineer brought the train up with a jerk that threw the passengers out of their seats. It was too late, however.

Twelve mangled bodies were picked up and life was found in but six. Some had been thrown a distance of sixty feet. Others were dashed against the freight train and dismembered. One of them was carried nearly two miles. John Warner and Henry Gunnison, both of Buffalo, were among the killed. Six other dead men remain unidentified. They are supposed to have been Poles. The four other members of the gang escaped.

COLUMBUS'S REMAINS SHIPPED.

Placed on Board the Conde de Venadito at Havana For Cadiz.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—The ashes of Columbus were transferred from the cathedral to the Conde de Venadito Monday morning. Captain-General Castellanos, General Arolas, Senor Govin, of the Colonial Cabinet, Marquis d'Esteban, the Mayor of Havana, and a large company of notables attended upon the removal.

The steel casket containing the remains of the discoverer of America was examined by Senor Govin in the presence of the Captain General and other high Spanish officials and found to be intact. It was then borne to the cathedral steps by the canons amid the tolling of bells and placed on a gun carriage, heavily draped with flags and decorated with floral garlands.

A solemn procession then moved to the Machina Wharf, where the casket was taken in a launch, between lines of twenty-five men-of war boats, to the cruiser. A salute of fifteen guns was fired. At intervals of a quarter of an hour all day a single gun boomed the honors paid to an Admiral.

This squadron, which is composed of the Conde de Venadito, Alfonso XII., and Infanta Isabel sailed for Spain.

Iglesias Sails For France.

President Rafael Iglesias, of Costa Rica, sailed a few days ago from New York City for Havre, France, on the French line steamship La Gascogne. He said that he had been tremendously impressed by his first visit to the United States and that he would, on his return, go from Florida to Maine and from Maine to California, in order to take in the glories of the great continent. He is on a six months' vacation, and after seeing Europe he will come back, probably in February, and "do" the States thoroughly.

Cannibalism in the Congo.

The steamer Leopoldville, which has just arrived at Antwerp, Belgium, from Africa with Congo advices, reports that four Belgium traders have been killed and eaten by the natives of Upper Ubanghi. A punitive force, it is also said, has been dispatched to that district.

Russia's Shrewd Move.

By influencing China to delay the payment of the war indemnity to Japan, the Russian Government will be enabled to acquire several Japanese warships now building abroad, which Japan will be unable to pay for at the stipulated time.

Wheeler Saves Soldier From Death.

The President has accepted the recommendation of General Joseph Wheeler and commuted to imprisonment for the life sentence of death imposed by court-martial upon Private Lindsay of the Tenth Cavalry, at Huntsville, Ala.

Building For the Supreme Court.

Mr. Morrill addressed the Senate on his bill authorizing the purchase of a site east of the Capitol grounds in Washington for a building for the United States Supreme Court. The bill was then passed.

A Joke Upon the Sheriff.

A mob at Liberty, Mo., played a joke on the Sheriff a few nights ago by invading the jail and hanging what, when he came to cut it down, the Sheriff found was a bundle of rags and straw.

Rich Merchant a Suicide.

Henry Walke, rich merchant of Norfolk, Va., stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, went to Brooklyn and killed himself in an area. He was in bad health.

Kentucky Troops Arrive Home.

The United States transport ship Berlin arrived at Newport News, Va., from San Juan, Porto Rico, with the First Kentucky Regiment of Volunteers, in command of Colonel Castleman.

DEWEY STATES HIS VIEWS

Declares That He Can Hold His Position Against the Earth.

SPEAKS WELL OF THE FILIPINOS.

Admiral Dewey Thinks That With Few Exceptions the Filipinos are Friendly—He Has a High Opinion of the Monitors—Would be Advisable to Pay the Insurgent Troops Their Back Pay.

MANILA, Philippine Islands (By Cable).—Rear Admiral Dewey, questioned by a newspaper correspondent regarding the possibility of international complications, replied:

"Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy. But now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."

He, however, absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the Philippine Islands, on the ground that his sphere was purely naval.

The Admiral seldom goes ashore, and insisted that his interviewer was in a better position to acquire information than himself. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn that the insurgents were releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's grandiloquent refusal to do so. This proves that the insurgents are very conciliatory, in spite of their defiant talk.

Admiral Dewey always believed that the insurgents were friendly, especially since the warships of our fleet have visited the different ports of these islands and since some of our officers have made tours inland, carefully investigating popular sentiment and judiciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere with highly satisfactory results.

A few influential Filipinos, in the ambitious attempt of self-advancement, are clamoring for independence, though unable to realize its true meaning. They are utterly ignorant of the difference between the name and the reality.

According to recent information received here, the Filipino insurgents are endeavoring to maintain a brave show for the purpose of securing the best terms possible from the Americans. It is the opinion of our Admiral that it would be advisable for the United States to pay the insurgent troops their arrears of wages. The whole amount would only be a comparatively trifling sum, and the payment of the troops would have a valuable effect, and may save incalculable trouble.

Finally, Admiral Dewey was strongly convinced that the Filipino insurgents deserve acknowledgment. He is a believer in the practicability of liberal measures in the direction of local autonomy.

PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN TRIP.

He is Received Magnificently and Delivers Many Addresses.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special).—The peace jubilee is over and the reception given to President McKinley was magnificent in every way. His speeches have won him a place in the hearts of the Southerners.

On the last day of the jubilee President McKinley reviewed the civic and military parade. There were 20,000 persons in the procession. When the parade had passed the reviewing stand the President and the other guests of the city were driven to the Piedmont Driving Club, where they enjoyed an elaborate luncheon. Afterward Mr. McKinley addressed the public in the Auditorium at Piedmont Park.

The peace jubilee exercises closed with a banquet in the dining room of the Kimball House. Covers were laid for 300. At the President's table sat Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Navy J. D. Long, Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith, Governor Allen D. Candler, Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, General W. R. Shafter, Secretary of War R. A. Alger and many other prominent men.

Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, was the toastmaster, and introduced President McKinley, who was the recipient of a hearty and spontaneous greeting. He said in the course of his remarks:

"Reunited! One country again and one country forever! Proclaim it from the press and pulpit, teach it in the schools, write it across the skies! The world sees and feels it; it cheers every heart, North and South, and brightens the life of every American home. Let nothing ever strain it again. At peace with all the world and with each other, what can stand in the pathway of our progress and prosperity."

From Atlanta the President and his party went to Montgomery, Ala., where he received a magnificent welcome. The party was welcomed by Governor Johnston, and was driven to the Capitol, where Mr. McKinley delivered an address, dwelling upon the undivided loyalty of the North and South and every section of the country to the American flag. From Montgomery the Presidential party went to Tuskegee, and Booker T. Washington's school was visited. The students paraded. In the procession were fifty floats representing all departments of school work. The President addressed the colored scholars, and praised the work of Booker T. Washington in his efforts for the improvement of his race. He also gave some good advice to the pupils which would be of service to them in the battle of life.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS KILLED.

A Train Runs Into a Carriage at a Crossing With Fatal Results.

MANASQUAN, N. J. (Special).—Four persons were instantly killed, two fatally injured and two others seriously hurt a few nights ago in an accident which occurred at the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing at Allenwood, a few miles from here.

The victims of the accident are: Killed—Mrs. Ellen Allen, Bessie Allen, her daughter, Mrs. Allie Alger, Jennie Crammer.

Fatally injured: David S. Allen, husband of Mrs. Allen; Katie Allen, their daughter. Seriously injured: Alger, infant child of Mr. Alger; Willie Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

Mr. Allen and his family, to whom Mrs. Alger was related, had been in Asbury Park Friday afternoon doing their Christmas shopping.

Mr. Allen was one of the most prominent men of Allenwood, the town having been named after him. He was prominent in local affairs, and was considered quite wealthy.

The Log They Cut.

This is the yule of the long ago,
The log they cut in the woods, ho! ho!
The yule log old that gave its glow
At the Christmas hearth in the olden time
When the bells rang mad with their golden chime.

IN HOLDA'S WOOD.

How Old Father Christmas Was Born—The German Legend of Kriss Kringle.

BY ESTHER SINGLETON.

CHRISTOPHER was greatly dissatisfied with his home. He was an imaginative lad, entirely out of tune with his surroundings. He lived in a little wooden cottage, curiously carved, that gave him some delight when the shadows of night deepened and drew dark forms and shapes under the long roof which sloped nearly to the ground.

It was not pleasant to return from a land of dreams to the hard facts of life and to the plait and weave the long, green willow wands into baskets at his uncle's command and to hear the scolding tongue of his aunt busy with her household duties.

Finally he determined that he would run away and seek a life for himself; but the day never came until he had completed his fifteenth birthday, which was uncelebrated. It was upon a Christmas Eve that he decided to break away. His aunt had been unusually ill-tempered and as his mind was sure the proper time had arrived for his step into the world, not even the cold of approaching night discouraged him.

II.

Kriss was not altogether free of blame, for he had been a discordant note in the household. He was neither cheerful nor amiable, nor unselfish, but then he had never been shown the way towards a loving and grateful disposition. He had become sullen and hardened. As he crept stealthily into the street the twilight was throwing her gray draperies around the little German village. Down the deserted road he passed, on, and up the hill, where he turned to bid farewell to the only home he had ever known, and betook his way into the dark forest that seemed to call him into its depths.

How many voices were there—sweet ones, too, unlike any he had ever heard! The wind blew off his cap by way of a joke, and, touching him with icy fingers, said, "Come! Come! Come, Kriss! There is much warmth in the forest and joy. Come!" The pine-bow hummed huskily, yet softly: "Come, Kriss, come! It is true; the wind knows. Come! Come!"

III.

As Kriss passed into the forest he felt, although he could not see, the mysterious spirits. Kriss stood still wondering what would occur next, when a young tree about his own height, vain of her beauty and patronizing in her manner, said: "Sit by me, Kriss," and he obeyed, still watching and listening to the voices of the mysterious spirits of the winter night,

"COME! COME! AND SEE THE WIND-SPIRITS DANCE WITH THE SNOW!"

which had gradually become visible, busily preparing for the celebration of their Christmas feast.

IV.

Strange to say, he was not cold though resting on the velvety snow; nor was he homesick. A gay procession entertained him, issuing out of the black hollow of a great oak, that glittered in its armor of ice. First came the children of the Winter-Wind, all fierce-eyed and sharp of feature, dressed in tunics of white and gray flowing mantles. Then followed the Snow-Children in their glistening garments of white and flower-shaped crystal crowns; and after them Holda herself, Queen of Earth and Woods, Queen of Snow and of Christmastide. How lovely she was in her gown of emerald velvet with a big bunch of snowdrops at her breast, and a crown of oak leaves like a Dryad. Her flaxen hair was bound with a strand of pearls, her eyes were blue as summer rivers, her lips as pomegranates, her arms and neck as white as the falling flakes, that, touching her, turned into showers of creamy roses.

V.

"Why have you come hither?" she asked. As he was speechless the Trees and Snowflakes said in their soft chorous: "The Wind brought him, and we bade him join the joy of Christmastide and cried 'Come! Come! Come!'"

"Unless you come selfishly," she asked, "what have you brought to us? The birds give their voices, the flowers their perfume, the Trees their shelter, the Wind his music, the Snow-children their service, the Seasons their beauties and their bounties, and I, to grant all wishes. What do you bring to the Christmas Revels?"

Christopher hung his head. He fell to her feet and kissing her dress with emotion, exclaimed: "I have brought nothing but myself. Do with me as you will."

"So be it," replied Holda, "you shall give yourself. You shall be one of the greatest Spirits of the hallowed season."

The Queen of Christmastide clapped her hands and bade the Revels begin. When all the enjoyment was at its height, Queen Holda clapped her white hands and four and twenty Wish-Maidens bowed before her and, then facing the strange multitude, promised to bring to every one in Holda's realm his and her desire. Bowing low to Holda they took their leave, soon returning. Each one now held a rosy ribbon attached to a silver car, which they drew along and upon which what appeared to Christopher the most wonderful thing he had ever beheld--a glittering tree.

VI.

Queen Holda gave to each one present gifts from the Wishing-Tree, and then she said impressively: "We have one more gift. Kriss has given himself. He is to go out into the world and carry the blessings of our Revels." Then she called her Snow-Children and, speaking to them in her snow language, which none but herself and her little people can understand, or even hear—so low, so soft, so melodious is it—bade them prepare Christopher for his long journey.

First they murmured into his ear until he grew drowsy and fell asleep, and when he slumbered they folded around him rich, red robes and a mantle bordered with ermine, and placing on his head a tall peaked cap, bound around it a wreath of holly. They powdered his long hair with snow, they fastened a long white beard to his chin and above his lips a gentle curling mustache. Then they called the Wind and all the other Snow-Children, and they took hands and danced and sung, and hailed him "Old Kriss Kringle, Father Christmas."

Awaking at the merry peals of laughter and jollity, Christopher stood amazed.

Queen Holda explained it. "Father Christmas," she said, "you have slept a hundred years in my enchanted wood. You came into my forest a hard and selfish youth. You have seen our Revels and our gifts each to each, and you gave yourself to us. While you slept my Snow-Children robed you, and now I send you as my representative subject out into the world where I cannot go, for I must ever dwell within the limits and haunts of Elfland. You shall travel far and wide at the happy season of the year. Your Wishing-Trees shall never fail when you carry Christmas greetings to the children with the message of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

By T. B. CHRYSTAL.

Christmas bells,
Oh! Christmas bells,
Chiming through white-mantled dells,
Sweet the tale your music tells,
Of that blessed birthday when
Came to earth the Infant King!
Peal, oh, bells! with rapture ring,
While the children sweetly sing,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Old Santa comes,
With dolls and drums,
And everything that
Squeaks or hums,
He'll make no noise
When with his toys,
He fills the hose of
Girls and boys

Open wide your purse plethoric,
Give with willing hand your gold!
Make your charity historic,
Ere the Christmas day
grows old!
Take a basket or a barrel
To the needy; on your way
Try to sing a Christmas carol—
Celebrate earth's greatest day!

Understood.

"Well, did you kiss her?" asked Spykes.

"Yes," replied Spokes, "I mistletoed the mark."—Judge.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

SO long ago as nearly three-quarters of a century the verses beginning,

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."—

first saw the light of print, appearing in the Troy Sentinel of December 23, 1823. As published then it was anonymous, but it was prophetical of its coming popularity that even in that day, unfavorable as it was for newspaper illustration, it was accompanied by a picture of Santa Claus on his rounds. In the time intervening it has become known to practically every man, woman and child in America, has spread hence to the widest limits of the English-speaking race, has been translated into the language of every nation that has a Santa Claus, and is little, if any, short of being the most popular poem in the world. For years it was an annual feature of all American newspapers. Then, in 1844, it was acknowledged by its learned author, being included in a little volume of his poems published in New York. Thence its inclusion in school readers and all kinds of declamation books was only a matter of a short time. In 1859 the edition that first attained wide distribution was issued, with the pleasant illustrations made by Felix O. C. Darley, which was remembered gratefully by any number of persons now crawling reluctantly into middle life.

It will be a surprise to many to learn that "The Night Before Christmas" was written by the erudite doctor of laws who prepared the first Hebrew dictionary ever published in America. He was Clement C. Moore, a descendant of a famous family in the history of the Episcopal Church, and himself one of its most notable benefactors.

Clement Clarke Moore was born on July 15, 1781, in New York City, and died at his summer home in Newport on July 10, 1863.

The poem which has given him greater fame than all his learning and benefactions was written as a pastime and given his children as a Christmas present just seventy-five years ago. He thought little of it at the time, or later. Indeed, it is possible it would never have become known to the world at all had not the eldest daughter of the Rev. David Butler, D. D., rector of St. Paul's in Troy, N. Y., seen the lines during a visit to New York the year after they were composed, and published them in the paper mentioned without their author's consent. It is said that nothing but the speedy popularity the verses attained procured Miss Butler's forgiveness.

Christmas For the Old People.

Give grandpa a big, cozy arm chair, with sides projecting at right angles from the back, to shield him from draught and cold.

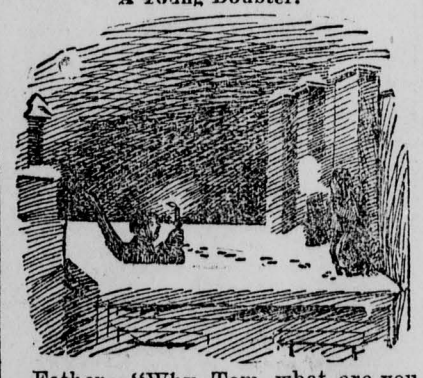
Or, give him a soft, warm, many-colored rug, which he may always find at hand when he retires to take his afternoon nap.

Give grandma a knitting bag, if she affects that industry, made of rich brocade and delicately lined and perfumed.

Or, give her a big wicker arm chair, cushioned and padded, and fitted with pockets at the side to hold her spectacles or needlework.

Or, give her the daintiest and whitest of lace caps, ornamented with a box of violet, or lavender ribbon, which will go well with her white hair.

A Young Doubter.



Father—"Why, Tom, what are you doing on the roof this time of night?"

Tom—"Well, I've got my doubts about that Santa Claus story, and I came here to watch the chimneys and find out if there is such a person."

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

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MILK AND CREAM.

The average price paid for the surplus on the platforms has been 3c ₱ qt. net to shipper. Receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows:

Average daily receipts of the week, fluid milk, cans	22,878
Condensed milk, cans	169
Cream, cans	467

BUTTER.

Creamery—West. extras...₱	—	@₱	21
Firsts	19	@	20
Thirds to seconds	15	@	18
State—Thirds to firsts	15	@	18½
State Dairy tubs, extras	—	@	18
Imitation Creamery	13	@	17
Factory, fresh firsts	14	@	14½
Low grades	12	@	13

CHEESE.

State—Full cream, fancy	9¾	@	10¼
Small	9¾	@	10¾
Part skims, good to prime	5½	@	6
Full skims	3	@	3½

EGGS.

Nearby—Fancy	29	@	30
State and Penn—Fresh	—	@	26
Western—Choice	24	@	25
Southern—Choice	22	@	24

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans—Marrow, choice, 1898	1 52½	@	1 55
Medium, 1898	—	@	1 35
Pea, choice, 1898	—	@	1 27½
Red kidney, choice, 1898	1 75	@	1 80
White kidney, choice, 1898	1 60	@	1 65
Yellow eye	1 50	@	1 55
Lima, Cal., ₱ 60 lbs	2 30	@	2 35
Green peas, bags	87½	@	90

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples, Greenings, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	4 00
Baldwin, ₱ bbl	2 50	@	3 50
Spy, ₱ bbl	2 75	@	3 50
Grapes, Catawba, ₱ basket	11	@	12
Niagara, ₱ basket	10	@	17
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ₱ bbl	5 50	@	9 00
Jersey, ₱ bbl	5 50	@	5 75

HOPS.

State—1898, choice, ₱ lb	—	@	20
Fair to prime	16	@	19
Pacific Coast, 1898, choice	20	@	21
Common to prime	14	@	19
Old odds	4	@	8

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, ₱ lb	—	@	8
Chickens, ₱ lb	—	@	6
Roosters, ₱ lb	—	@	5
Turkeys, ₱ lb	—	@	9
Ducks, ₱ pair	40	@	55
Geese, ₱ pair	75	@	1 25
Pigeons, ₱ pair	10	@	15

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, ₱ lb	6	@	14
Chickens, Phila	9	@	14
Jersey	8	@	10
Fowls, State & Penn., ₱ lb	7½	@	8
Ducks, Western	4	@	8
Nearby, ₱ lb	8	@	9
Geese, Md., ₱ lb	8	@	10
Squabs, ₱ doz	1 25	@	2 50

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay—Prime, ₱ 100 lb	—	@	65
Clover mixed	45	@	50
Straw—Long rye	40	@	45
Short rye	—	@	—
Oat	—	@	—

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, L. I., ₱ bbl	1 25	@	1 75
Jersey, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	1 25
Sweet, ₱ bbl	50	@	2 50
Cabbages, ₱ 100	2 00	@	4 00
Onions, Conn. white, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	4 50
Red and yellow, ₱ bbl	1 25	@	2 00
Egg plant, ₱ bbl	2 00	@	4 00
Tomatoes, ₱ carrier	1 00	@	2 75
Squash, marrow, ₱ bbl	50	@	75
Turnips, Russia, ₱ bbl	60	@	85
Green peas, Fla., ₱ basket	1 50	@	2 50
Cauliflower, ₱ bbl	50	@	3 00
String beans, ₱ crate	1 50	@	3 50
Lettuce, ₱ bbl	1 50	@	2 75
Brussels sprouts, ₱ qt	6	@	10
Celery, ₱ doz	10	@	50
Lima beans, ₱ bag	1 50	@	2 00
Spinach, ₱ bbl	—	@	1 00
Beets, ₱ bbl	75	@	1 00
Kale, ₱ bbl	40	@	60

GRAIN, ETC.

Flour—Winter Patents	3 50	@	3 80
Spring Patents	3 65	@	3 85
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	75
No. 2 Red	—	@	76¼
Corn—No. 2	—	@	41
Oats—No. 2 White	—	@	32½
Track mixed	31	@	32½
Rye—Western	58½	@	60
Barley—Feeding	—	@	—
Lard—City steam	4.95c	@	5.00c

LIVE STOCK.

Beeves, city dressed	7	@	9
Calves, city dressed	8	@	11
Country dressed	6	@	9½
Sheep, ₱ 100 lb	3 00	@	4 50
Lambs, ₱ 100 lb	4 80	@	5 60
Hogs—Live, ₱ 100 lb	3 35	@	3 70
Country dressed	3½	@	5¼

OUR PRODUCTS IN GERMANY.

Consul Monaghan Reports That Our Manufacturers Rival Germany's.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Consul Monaghan in a report to the State Department notes the progress of a formidable movement among the German manufacturers to combine against American iron and steel producers. They have become much alarmed at the development of American capacity to compete with them in their own German markets. The movement is conducted very quietly to avoid disturbing public confidence and injuring themselves, but for that reason is the more formidable.

The Consul also contributes an interesting report on the workings of the new German law establishing a new railroad zone tariff. This went into operation October 1, and a comparison of its workings with those of our Inter-State Commerce law, especially in the long and short haul section, becomes of value, for this German law is planned on a principle exactly the reverse of our own; in other words, the German law establishes a reduced rate for the long haul, with the result of developing manufactures in the country remote from the larger cities where land and labor are cheap.

The Year's Business.

Nearly all obtainable statistics and reports, says Bradstreet's, as to the volume of business point to the present year having heavily exceeded any former year in the amount of business done, and though comparisons as regards prices are not so favorable as in earlier years, notably 1892 and 1890, when quotations of most staples were considerably higher, still the expansion in trade, due to increased population and enlarged foreign demand for our products, has resulted in an aggregate volume of business done considerably in excess of any former year.

Value of the Crops.

The Department of Agriculture, Washington, estimates the value of the corn and oats crops of 1898 to be $83,000,000 more than the same crops in 1897.

The Mapleton Item

I. N. SWOPE, - - Editor & Proprietor.

THE ITEM" WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE FOLOWING RATES IN ADVANCE:

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SIX MONTHS,.....50
THREE MONTHS,.....25

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MOUNT UNION.

Mrs. W. T. Bell was a visitor in Harrisburg last week.

Michael Hiney was in Newton Hamilton on business on Monday.

A number of cases of pneumonia are in town, chiefly among children.

R. J. Faust, Jr., was the guest of friends in Altoona on Sunday last.

Miss Nettie Chilcote has given up her position as a typo in the *Bulletin* office.

A light fall of snow accompanied by rain made the pavements very slippy on Saturday.

Thomas Stratford, who is a student at the Philadelphia Dental College, is at home for the holidays.

Associate Judge W. H. Benson, of Trough Creek, was a visitor in town between trains on Friday.

James Macklin, of McVeytown, was the guest of Mr. Samuel Haffly and family on Water street on Sunday.

The usual Christmas treats will be distributed by the Sunday schools of this place on Saturday evening.

Miss Mattie Crater is at home on a visit after an absence of two years spent among friends in Schuylkill county.

The stores of this place have put on their holiday garb and Christmas and New Years' gifts are much in evidence.

On account of an increase in the orders at the chair factory, night work became necessary a few evenings last week.

The recent soft weather and rains have spoiled the ice on the ponds and river to such an extent as to make skating hazardous.

The masons have begun the walls for the foundation of the new station and expect to have it completed in a week or ten days at most.

Harry Bell, son of W. T. Bell, esq., who is a student at Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster, Pa., is at home on the usual Christmas vacation.

A lecture in the interest of the order of the Maccabees, was delivered by a member from Williamsport on Friday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall to a small audience.

T. W. Pyles will make some improvements to his hotel and restaurant, among which is a porch, the length of the building on the Pennsylvania avenue side.

E. R. Stratford, who recently severed relations with the *Times*, has accepted a position with the Adams Express Co, in Altoona, and started for his new field on Monday morning.

It is reported that there are one or two cases of scarlet fever in town. If such is the case, the board of health should immediately quarantine all those affected as well as those likely to be.

The north side of Pennsylvania avenue from Jefferson to Washington streets has been covered with limestone screenings, which it is hoped will not only improve the street, but dry up large quantities of mud.

Samuel Haffly, who is a resident of this place and also a traveling salesman for Armour & Co., was severely bitten by a dog while in Orbisonia on business on Thursday morning. The wound was immediately attended to and no serious results are anticipated.

Mrs. Margaret Coleman, who had been ill at her residence on Water street, this place, for the past two months, died on Saturday evening. Funeral took place from her late residence on Monday afternoon, services being conducted by the Rev. L. M. Brady.

Wm. Renninger, foreman of the local sub-division of the P. R. R., was awarded the prize of $50 for the best-kept sub division between Harrisburg and Altoona. Much credit is due the foreman and his men for their achievement as this is the first recognition of the merit of Mt. Union's railroaders in twenty years.

TROUGH CREEK.

LeRoy Wright took his first visit since his sickness on last Sunday.

A. W. Wright's foot has improved somewhat but he still finds use for his cane.

Tuesday morning—Mrs. Glasgow is still living but not expected to last any time.

One of the reputable Knode brothers, of Porter township, took a load of turkeys out of the valley last week.

The fair sledding that we had a week ago is gone and the roads are in fine shape for buggying with the exception of some chuck holes.

Harry Greenland was glad to get in part of two days hunting while the season was open for game. He was rewarded with a number of rabbits.

Sherman McClain is hauling coal for a lime stack. W. L. Wright has his coal hauled but is waiting for the throng of shoeing to pass and more snow to come.

I read recently of some sheep breeder suggesting the idea of every dog having to carry a bell. I second the motion. Then we could often catch dogs in the act that can't be caught as they mostly get in their work at night when they are not seen, hence not known of as they would be if they had the bell along.

I notice a great many of the best papers as well as the best citizens are opposed to the annexation of the Phillippine Islands and I heartily join in with them. Our boasted America has been the dumping ground for the slums of other countries too long already and now to take in the islands of the sea 7000 miles away and care for and protect their sun-scorched inhabitants would be a game that would certainly never pay. But on the other hand it would operate seriously against the laboring class of our own country. Better adhere to the old saying and apply a little charity at home.

The thermometers in the valley arrived at zero last week. This (Monday) morning a week ago we expected a sleet but a kind Providence disappointed us by sending us a good tracking snow by which a great many more rabbits were killed than could have been without it. It would be interesting to know how many thousands have been killed in the valley this season and yet they are so plenty that hunters say it is impossible to follow a track any distance. A neighbor told me that a hunter who had killed twenty-six in two days had said to him "there are as many rabbits on your farm as you have fence rails," and his fences compare with his neighbor's. This same neighbor said to me that if they increase as they had done recently it would not be long until we would want a premium on them. He said that in his wheat field last harvest there were great patches of wheat utterly ruined by being cut off by these pests, and one young apple tree just fresh peeled and killed. Our judgment is if the time for killing them is not extended we will have to resort to clubbing parties to get rid of them as has been done in the west.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-26-6m.

C. B. CRUM, Tried by Jury,

Is accused of selling goods from fifteen to fifty per cent. cheaper than other merchants.

Customers from all over the county have brought in the verdict that

The Charge Is True.

The evidence being so strong against us we plead guilty and shall not appeal the case.

Special Bargains in Ladies's Capes

Fne plush capes, $2.00 to $8.00. Our $5 and $6 capes and jackets are like you pay others $7.50 to $10.00. Only the best guaranteed rain-proof plush in our garments.

We have the biggest bargain in clothing dry goods, boots. shoes, rubbers. hats, caps millinery, underwear, etc., in Central Pennsylvania.

We are the money savers.

C. B. CRUM,

Saltillo, - - Penn'a.

The Ladies of Mapleton

and vicinity are cordially invited to call and see the latest novelties in

Fall - and - Winter Millinery.

A Complete Change in the Styles.

Fancy Feathers and Velvets in the new Dots and Rings.

Children's Caps and everything needed in the Millinary line.

KATE COWHER.

HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

—IN—

Sterling Silver Novelties

At Low Prices.

Ladies'

Bonnet Brushes
Clothes Brushes
Hat Brushes
Hair Brushes
Tooth "
Chain Bracelets
Hoop Bracelets
Baby Bracelets

Gents'

Hat Marks
Match Boxes
Stamp Boxes
Collar, Cuff Boxes
Shaving Mugs
Shaving Brushes
Hat Brushes
Pocket Combs

A large new stock of

Rogers' Knives, Forks, Sugar Shells, Soup and Gravy Ladles, Spoons

Put up in handsome silk-lined boxes,

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND WEDDING PRESENTS

Mail orders will receive careful and prompt attention.

Watchmaker and Jeweler. L. W. ZERBY, 516 Penn Street, Huntingdon, Pa.

Wm. Reed & Son.

If in doubt, go to Reed's. You're sure to find something pretty and useful to make someone glad on Christmas morning. The stock is simply immense, and of greatest variety. We can make your shopping easy.

We want to make these last few days the busiest in the store's history. It will pay you to help do it.

If an article does not sell at one price, down it goes to a price that you can't resist.

For Christmas selling we have made some extraordinary reductions in

Ladies' Jackets and Capes and Children's Jackets.

They are our best ones and there are not many left. No better present could be gotten than one of these warm, dressy garments.

Such a profusion of pretty usefuls this store never before offered.

Children's and Ladies' Mittens 10c. to $1.00 a pair.

Children's and Ladies' Kid Mittens or Glover 50c. to $1.25.

The regular line of Ladies' Kid Gloves in all newest shades, 75c., $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

Umbrellas for Ladies and Gentlemen, 50c. to $5.00.

Ladies' Macintoshes $3.50 to $8.00 each.

Children's Macintoshes $3.50.

A big line of regular $2.50 Moquette rugs until Christmas, go at $1.95 each.

A pretty dress pattern of any material makes a most acceptable gift. Our stock will meet any requirements.

Ask to see the bargain department in Christmas novelties. A low price for a pretty article does not lower its value as a pleasure giver.

Wm Reed & Son,

Huntingdon, Pa.

How About That Overcoat?

Haven't you been promising yourself an overcoat for the winter? Isn't it a necessity, the purchase you can't put off much longer? Why not buy it now and wear it this cool weather? Where will you get it? There are only two or three things really to be considered. Is the price an object to you? Would you like an all wool heavy weight Covert cloth overcoat that has fit and style to recommend it, and that will look and ware like one made for you by a tailor? If so, there is a place where your wants will be met for ($7.50) Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents, and that place is

O. L. STEWART'S,

One Price Clothier,

6th & Washington Sts., HUNTINGDON, PA.

The Holiday :=: Season

Is here and we are prepared with a full line of goods suitable for the occasion, consisting of

QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, LAMPS, AGATE AND COPPER WARE,

all are suitable for presents for the older ones. The children have not been forgotten as we have for them

Dolls, Wagons, Story Books, Miniature Tea Sets, Candy

and everything needed to make you all remember Christmas. Come one, come all.

☞ We have also received and have now on sale Combination Felts and Rubbers Complete for

$1.75.

JNO. G. GILLAM.

The Mapleton Item.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Dec. 21, 1898.

LOCAL NOTES.

—We wish all our readers a merry Christmas.

—Buy your Christmas goods from ITEM advertisers.

—Numerous weddings are booked for this section during holiday week.

—Among our recent callers was our friend, Charles W. Hiney, of Mount Union.

—J. L. Houck has a new ad. in this week's paper. See it for Christmas goods.

—The Christmas news in the advertisement of William Reed & Son will interest you.

—Look for Baldwin, the tailor's, ad. and profit from what he offers. Fifth street, Huntingdon, Pa.

—The Tuscarora Valley railroad has recently added another new passenger engine to its rolling stock.

—J. G. Gillam has a nice display of holiday goods that he tells you of on another page. See his ad.

—Allison Heeter, of Altoona, spent a portion of the past week among his numerous friends in Mapleton.

—For clothing, overcoats, dress suits, odd pants, coats or vests, go to W. G. Ewing's, Mount Union, Pa.

—Dr. Samuel Gregory and wife, of Mount Union, were guests of A. B. Gillam and wife on Friday.

—We call your attention to Hugo Mayer's new ad on the last page of this issue. Read it for bargains.

—J. O. Heaton, Cassville, Pa., recommends and sells all of Chamberlain's remedies advertised in the ITEM.

—To-day (Wednesday) is the shortest day of the year and according to the almanac is the first day of winter.

—Mrs. Dr. W. J. Campbell, of Mount Union, called on her numerous Mapleton friends a day of the past week.

—Fisher, the Huntingdon baker, tells you where to go for your Christmas candies in his new ad. in another column.

—Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. G. Gillam.

—Dress plaids as low as 5c per yd., (all wool); dress cloths at 25c and general line of dress goods at right prices at W. G. Ewing's, Mount Union, Pa.

—The Tyrone borough council on Saturday nominated Jacob A. Hoffman as chief burgess to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. K. Gillam.

—Robert Postlethwaite, of Jewell City, Kansas, in company with his uncle, Capt. W. C. Gayton, of Mount Union, spent a few hours among friends in Mapleton last Thursday.

—On account of pastoral duties in other parts of the charge, the hour for preaching service in the Mapleton U. B. church next Sabbath has ben changfrom 7 p. m. to 10.30 a.m.

—John L. McDonald, who has been working at Johnsonburg, Elk county, for some months past, is spending a few days with his family in Mapleton. He will move to Johnsonburg in the spring.

—William Carothers, of Mill Creek, has been spending some time with his sister, Mrs. D. B. Miller, in Mapleton. Mr. Carothers is a sufferer from paralysis but with some exertion is able to travel about.

—James Bertram Miller's lifeless body was discovered last Thursday morning among the rocks along the river bank back of the Huntingdon station. A gash was found in his chin and the face was bruised. The body was frozen stiff. Deceased was a son of David Miller, laundryman, of Lewistown, formerly of Huntingdon. He was aged 23 years and served as a member of Co. A, 5th P. V. His mother died when he was quite young and the lad had formed the inebriating habit. He was last seen alive in Corbin's restaurant near the Huntingdon station about midnight and at that time was under the influence of liquor. The coroner's verdict was that his death was the result of falling over the embankment upon the rocks.

—William Deward, a well known brakeman on Mifflin local, had the index finger of his right hand cut off and the next two fingers mashed at Lewistown last Wednesday by getting his hand caught between a switch lever and the stirrup of a car.

—Thomas, oldest son of H. J. Bard, of Newton Hamilton, was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday, and is lying critically ill at this writing with but little hopes for his recovery. Drs. Nipple, Steele, Parcels and Sweigart were the attending physicians.

—Snyder township, Blair county, failed to have guard rails put up along a dangerous piece of road. The court last week awarded Mrs. Bessie Davis $2,000 damages for injuries sustained in going over an embankment. This verdict should serve as a warning to supervisors in other townships in other counties.

—Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by J. G. Gillam.

—Miss Agnes Gray Mattern, daughter of Rev. J. A. Mattern, a former pastor of the Newton Hamilton M. E. church, died at the home of her parents in Jeanesville, Carbon county, on the 29th ult., of nervous prostration. Deceased was aged 17 years and was a very bright young lady. She was a neice of Mrs. A. B. Gillam, of Mapleton, and has visited her aunt in this place.

—The following officers of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 300, F. and A. M., of Huntingdon, have been elected for the ensuing year: I. Newton Swope, worshipful master; Theodore C. Sanderson, senior warden; Josiah C. Hall, junior warden; Martin L. Shaffner, secretary; Alexander Port, treasurer; Stewart Allen, H. H. Waite and John White, trustees; J. Murray Africa, representative.

—John D. Long and family and W. E. Brooks and family, of Altoona, returned home last week from a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stever in Cass township. Mr. Long writes us that they were very hospitably entertained and thinks it would be hard to find a place in which to spend a more enjoyable time. He adds that the visitors hope soon to have an opportunity to return the courtesies extended them.

—*Bedford Gazette:* M. P. Heckerman, who has been ill with erysipelas, is able to be about again. When Mr. Heckerman took sick he was aboard ship on his way to Santiago. The crew thought he had yellow fever and were going to throw him overboard, but changed their minds and landed him on a small island whence he shortly afterward got on board a vessel carrying fruit and came to this country. He had some thrilling experiences.

—The freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad during the past few days has experienced the worst blockade it ever knew. On Sunday there were seven miles of side-tracked freight between Derry and Latrobe, and every siding was filled between Cresson and Blairsville. Almost a similar situation existed on the middle division. Monday, however, extra crews were put on and by dint of hard work the blockade was broken. Traffic continues very heavy, however, and will likely hold on until after the new year. November and December, 1898, will go down in the records of the company as star months in the movement of freight.

—Some of the Huntingdon business people have displayed excellent taste in their holiday decorations. The mammoth store of William Reed & Son always presents an attractive appearance but in its holiday attire it is even more inviting than usual. In the decorations the national colors predominate. The arrangement of the special counters for this season makes it very convenient for the seeker for suitable gifts. Hugo Mayer's decorations of holly are elaborate and attractive. The arrangement is so effective as to make the sight-seer look long and often. Better taste is not often displayed. A window which attracts the attention of the passer-by is that of Mrs. E. M. Simonson representing a wedding party in a bower of evergreens.

Small Pox.

The epidemic of small pox at Bedford has caused the health boards of this section of the state to be on their guard and to adopt more stringent precautions against contagious diseases. The number of cases at Bedford does not exceed twenty and these are of a mild type. All are convalescing. Everett has one case and it is reported there are two cases at New Grenada, Fulton county.

Bedford mails are being fumigated and the health authorities of Huntingdon have raised the embargo on mails from Bedford.

The patient at Huntingdon is convalescent but the quarantine is still maintained. In this connection it is well to mention that the authorities of Huntingdon merit commendation from the people of that town and of the county for their vigilance, promptness and efficiency in handling this case and preventing contagion. The East Broad Top Railroad company have also done a commendable thing in having all their employees vaccinated. The work was done Monday and yesterday by Dr. F. L. Schum, of Huntingdon. Vaccination is the only preventative of small pox and its efficacy cannot be questioned. The law gives the authorities of districts power to compel the indifferent to submit to vaccination and this power should be invoked.

The editor of the ITEM had the pleasure of an extended conversation with Dr. W. B. Atkinson of the State Board of Health last Saturday. We found him a very pleasant gentleman. He is enthusiastic in his advocacy of sanitary precautions, and his wide and varied experience gives him valuable information in the line of his profession. Probably no other physician in the state has had to deal as extensively with small pox as has he and he is regarded as an expert. He believes that thorough vaccination gives one a practical immunity from the contagion of this virulent disease.

A Surprise Party.

Thursday, December 8th, was a gala day at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Greenland, near Cherry Grove, Clay township, as many friends gathered there in honor of Mrs. Greenland's forty-fourth birthday. The children deserve credit as they made it a pleasant surprise for their parents who were not aware of anything unusual going on until the whole company entered the yard in a body. In a very short time everyone was invited to partake of a bountiful dinner, after which the time was spent in a social manner. The company was honored with the presence of two ministers of the Gospel. Before parting a hymn was sung and prayer offered by Rev. Dressler. When all remembering however pleasant to be together the hour of parting must come left for their homes wishing Mrs. Greenland many returns of the happy day.

A GUEST.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by J. G. Gillam.

A Word to Farmers.

Farmers and others desiring to purchase fruit or ornamental trees are urged to correspond with me before purchasing. The stock I have sold in this county in the past years has proven true to name and the trees were healthy. This ought to be convincing evidence that it is better to buy from reliable home agents than from strangers. I intend canvassing the county thoroughly this season and want your patronage.

L. C. CORBIN,
9 28-98. tf Huntingdon, Pa.

Something of a Detective.

The genial cashier of the Central Banking Company, of this place, W. T. Bell, arrived home on Friday noon last, after a week's absence acting in the capacity of "detective." Some fifteen months ago James Kirkpatrick, of Spring Run, Pa., forged the name of W. O. Elder to a note for $360 and procured the cash on the same from the Orbisonia bank. Mr. Bell has been tracing this gentleman for some time. Six months ago he was reported to be in Clearfield county, but suddenly disappeared before he could be arrested. Some two weeks ago Mr. Bell located his man in Oregon, Ill., but when he arrived there he learned that his man had gone, and he followed him to Aurora, Ill., and again was disappointed. But still coming closer found that there had been a ticket sold to a gentleman going to Creston, Iowa, when Mr. Bell at once followed up the chase some 500 miles into Iowa, where he arrested his man while cleaning horses in a livery stable at 5 o'clock in the morning. He arrived in Huntingdon with his prisoner on Friday morning last on Atlantic Express and landed him safely in Fort Wilson, where he will await his trial at the February term of court. Mr. Bell says he has not felt so well since the election. Strange to say he had an experience sixteen years ago in a case of the same kind from Orbisonia and arrested the man at Brooks, Ill., just thirty miles from where Kirkpatrick was arrested. Mr. Bell certainly deserves a place on the New York detective force for his success and bravery.—*Mt. Union Times.*

Marriage Licenses.

J. M. Norris and Martha J. Grubb, both of Penn township.

Scott D. Ruble, Lewistown, Pa., and Effie May Galloway, Jackson township.

Wm. H. McCrum and Grace Isenberg, both of Barree township.

Harry C. Isenberg and Laura E. Platt, both of Huntingdon.

Levi B. Long and Laura Alice Black, both of Robertsdale.

C. G. Burkett and Mary Kinch, both of Warriorsmark, Pa.

Eugene Wheeling and Bertha Sweet, both of Dudley, Pa.

Henry L. Shingler, Mill Creek, and Odessa B. Harvey, Mapleton, Pa.

Martin G. Johnston, Mapleton, and Annie B. Anderson, Union township.

Alexander McCool and Lulu Wilson, both of Oneida township.

W. H. Dell, Union township, and Mary E. Chilcote, Cass township.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large Book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
—AT—
PRIVATE SALE.

The undersigned, executor of the estate of the late W. H. Rex, deceased, offers at private sale the real estate of the late deceased. This property is all in the Borough of Mapleton, is free from incumbrance of any kind, is well located, and those desiring comfortable homes could make no better investment. It is more economical to buy a home than to pay rent.

No. 1. A lot of ground at junction of Chestnut and Main streets on which formerly stood the mansion house and store room of the late deceased. Well of good water, stone sufficient in walls for building several foundations, outbuildings, orchard and small fruits.

No. 2. House and lot on Main street known as the Brumbaugh property, adjoining No. 1. Lot in good state of cultivation.

No. 3. House and lot on Main street, known as the Kyler property, adjoining No. 2. Large kitchen.

No. 4. House and lot at corner of Sugar and Grant streets. Large lot, out buildings. Seven-room house recently remodeled.

No. 5 House and lot on Grant street. New house, excellent lot extending through to alley. A very desirable home.

No. 6. House and lot on Spring street. Lot extends through to Gayton street.

No. 7. Double House and lot. Lot faces on Grant, Church and Spring streets.

All these properties have good drainage, are convenient to church and schools, and excepting No. 1, are occupied by tenants, and all are among the most desirable properties in Mapleton.

TERMS:—25 per cent. cash and the balance in three equal annual payments.

For further particulars call on or address,

JERE B. REX, Executor,
Aug. 10 tf. Huntingdon Pa.

A. B. Gillam's Greatest Christmas Bargains.

The coming of Christmas; you will believe in its near approach when you see the display at A. B. Gillam's. You'll feel we've been lavish in our purchases. A look through the pretty offerings will make your heart young. You will regret that you are not a child again, so that you may enter more fully into the pleasures of the happy holiday season. You'll find nothing lacking in the display. An entire absence of extravagance in prices will be particularly noticeable, for purchasing from the manufacturers direct enables us to make the very low prices you will be impressed with, and the many choice designs shown. Just a hint here and there. You can only form a correct idea of their beauty by looking through the store.

Surprise Boxes,
Horns,
Albums,
Sterling Silver Brushes,
Dolls,
at 5 cts. and up.
Perfume,
A fine assortment of
China,
Doll's Cribs,
Some nice things in
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Our general stock is complete. We invite you to come early before our stock is picked over. You will find a good selection of gifts.

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FAST BLACK
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FOR $20.

I Guarantee a Faultless Fit and a Correct Style Expression.

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Avoid the night air when damp and cold, and you will often avoid having neuralgia, but St. Jacobs Oil will cure it no matter what is the cause and no matter how long it has continued.

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Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price $1.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills. 25 cents.

John Chinaman's Joke.

All around Chao-tung lies abundance of silver, copper, coal and iron. But the Chinese have very primitive ways of getting the minerals. They admit foreigners are the best at that kind of thing, because they have the power of seeing underground.

Some years ago two Japanese came to the city exploring for silver. The authorities wanted to test their powers. They buried some silver ingots on the parade ground. Then they took the Japanese a walk that way.

"Is there any silver about here?" they asked.

"No," said the Japanese, "this is not the kind of soil in which silver is found."

Then the buried metal was produced from under their very feet, amid the loud hilarity of all Celestial officialdom. Since which time the Chao-tungese have had a prodigious contempt for foreigners.—Travel.

PERIODS OF PAIN.

Menstruation, the balance wheel of woman's life, is also the bane of existence to many because it means a time of great suffering.

While no woman is entirely free from periodical pain, it does not seem to have been nature's plan that women otherwise healthy should suffer so severely. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough female regulator known to medical science. It relieves the condition that produces so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its terrors. Here is proof:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—How can I thank you enough for what you have done for me? When I wrote to you I was suffering untold pain at time of menstruation; was nervous, had headache all the time, no appetite, that tired feeling, and did not care for anything. I have taken three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, one of Blood Purifier, two boxes of Liver Pills, and to-day I am a well person. I would like to have those who suffer know that I am one of the many who have been cured of female complaints by your wonderful medicine and advice. —MISS JENNIE R. MILES, Leon, Wis.

If you are suffering in this way, write as Miss Miles did to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for the advice which she offers free of charge to all women.

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DR. SETH ARNOLD'S
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CURES WHEN OTHERS FAIL
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Go to your grocer to-day and get a 15c. package of

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It takes the place of coffee at ¼ the cost.

Made from pure grains it is nourishing and healthful.

Insist that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O. Accept no imitation.

THE GOVERNOR OF CUBA.

President Appoints Major-General Brooke to Be the Island's Ruler.

WARSHIPS ORDERED TO HAVANA.

General Lee Arrives at Havana With His Military Staff—Spanish Soldiers Fire Upon a Funeral Party—Eleven Persons Wounded—Warships Sent to Cuba's Capital to Preserve Order.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Major-General Brooke arrived in Washington from Fortress Monroe on Tuesday and was for more than an hour in consultation with Secretary Alger. He then, in company with Adjutant-General Corbin, proceeded to the White House, and when he returned to the War Department it was formally announced

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN R. BROOKE.
(He has been appointed Military Governor of Cuba by the President.)

that the President had designated him to be Military Governor of the Island of Cuba, a new post, which carries with it all the control of military and civil affairs in the island formerly exercised by the Captain-General under the Spanish regime.

Each of the six provinces of Cuba will have its own Military Governor, but all of these will receive their instructions directly from General Brooke. Thus in Havana General Ludlow will be Governor of the city, but answerable to General Lee, the Governor or the Province of Havana, who in turn will be answerable to General Brooke.

ANOTHER FIGHT IN HAVANA.

Spanish Soldiers Opened Fire on the Hearse and a Brawl Followed.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—About nine o'clock Tuesday morning, when the funeral procession of Jesus Sotolongo, who was killed Sunday night, reached the corner of Infanta and San Jose streets, a violent affray took place between members of the funeral party and some employes of the Military Hospital. The following were wounded:

Dr. Betancourt, Cuban Deputy for Santiago de Cuba; Rafael Portuondo, Cuban Deputy; the Cuban General Vidal, the Cuban Colonel Armando Rivas, Francisco Lucas Blanca, a Spaniard; Raymon Garcia, a Spaniard, and three women and two children. Garcia, who was stabbed, may die, and Portuondo was badly hurt.

One version of the affray is that the Military Hospital employes and a number of Spanish privates, who were standing in the hospital portico, refused to remove their hats when requested to do so by persons in the possession. Thereupon the Cubans, it is alleged, tried to knock off the hats and a fight ensued. The privates fired upon the procession, breaking the windows of the hearse and striking the coffin with their bullets. Knives and pistols were freely used.

The procession, which consisted of 180 carriages, proceeded to the Cuban camp near Marianao, where military honors were rendered. There were more than fifty wreaths of flowers from the friends of Captain Sotolongo, and the procession and ceremonies were virtually a remonstrance against the Hotel Inglaterra outrage.

WARSHIPS GOING TO HAVANA.

A Strong Naval Force to Prevent Further Outbreaks in the City.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (By Cable).—The Brooklyn, the Texas, the Castine and the Resolute have been ordered to Havana. While there is not the faintest desire to convey a threat in the dispatch of these warships to Havana, it may be noted that when they lie within the harbor they will hold the town in perfect subjection. It is surmised that the suggestion came from Admiral Sampson, who is now in one of the suburbs of Havana, as a result of the unfortunate outbreak on Sunday night at the Hotel Inglaterra. At any rate, the event brought the authorities here to a sudden realization of the exact state of affairs in Havana, and the imminent danger of another such outbreak, which perhaps might reach the proportions of a riot and cost many innocent lives.

To increase the number of soldiers in Havana materially is not easy, in view of the difficulty of transporting them, as well as providing for them when they reach Cuba, but the navy is always ready, and it was decided to hasten the ships named to Havana to form a formidable bulwark against any outbreaks that might occur before the completion of the American occupation of the city.

The Texas is a full-fledged armor-clad, and might stand a deal of pounding, even from the heaviest fortifications; the Brooklyn, with her protective system, can be rated as even better than the New York, of the same type; the Castine is an efficient gunboat, and the Resolute is a transformed merchantman with a battery large enough to make her formidable.

Lee Once More in Havana.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—The United States transport Panama has arrived with General Fitzhugh Lee and his staff. The United States transport Michigan has arrived with two battalions of the Second Illinois Regiment. The United States transport Saratoga, which left Charleston with the First Battalion of the Tenth Infantry, has also arrived, after a safe passage. She brought sixteen sick men south, but they are no worse for the voyage.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The House Ways and Means Committee decided to extend the United States tariff and revenue laws to Hawaii.

The value of merchandise imported during the month of November was $52,109,560. The exports of domestic merchandise were valued at $127,483,467. For eleven months ending November 30 the exports were valued at $1,098,089, exceeding by $141,407, 923 those for the corresponding period of last year.

The War Department issued orders to have the transports Mobile and Mohawk got ready to carry 3600 troops to Manila via the Suez Canal.

Of 8000 Spanish Mauser rifles at the Springfield armory which were captured at Santiago only 2500 have been found to be in serviceable condition. The unserviceable guns will be sold at public auction.

The Yosemite and the Badger have been ordered to the Pacific, the former to join Admiral Dewey's fleet and the latter to Hawaii.

Adjutant-General Corbin gave his views on increase of the Army to the House Military Affairs Committee; he said that twenty thousand men would be needed in Cuba and twenty-five thousand in the Philippines.

The Secretary of War revoked the order excluding Sylvester Scovel from all army posts, "apology having been made for his reported conduct at Santiago." A similar order was issued recently by the Secretary of the Navy.

The House passed the District of Columbia Appropriation bill and the bill for the protection of seamen.

Domestic.

The Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, is badly in need of money and is trying to borrow $500,000.

Lieutenant James H. Hoskinson, Adjutant of the First Battalion of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Regiment, was thrown violently from his horse in front of the Post-office at Athens, Ga. His head struck the ground with great force, and in two hours he was dead.

Private James Ellis, Third North Carolina Colored Regiment, shot and killed his tentmate, Robert Thomas, at the regimental camp at Macon, Ga., a few days ago. The men had words over some money that Thomas owed Ellis, which brought on the shooting. Ellis was arrested and will be tried before a court-martial for murder.

Mrs. Roena Shelley, the oldest inhabitant of Cheshire County, N. H., died a few days ago, at Keene, aged 102 years and nine months. She was born at Springfield, Vt., married Oren Shelley at Westmoreland at twenty-four, was the mother of four children, and outlived her husband by nine years. She has four living great-granddaughters.

James J. Grogan, former Chief Clerk of the Department of Construction and Repair in the League Island Navy Yard, at Philadelphia, was arrested and placed under $2000 bail by United States Commissioner Craig to answer a charge of criminal violation of the naval regulations.

Edgar M. Crawford, sixty-three years old, a tobacco merchant, and George Dovas, thirty-seven years old, an author, both of New York City, were knocked down by a runaway horse attached to a wagon a few days ago, and the former's skull was fractured. He did not recover consciousness and succumbed in less than an hour. The latter was slightly injured.

Hilda Peterson, who was on trial in the Supreme Court of Queens County, New York, for the murder of her child, at Rockville Centre, on March 4, was acquitted on the ground of insanity. Judge Dickey committed her to the insane asylum at Matteawan until her mental condition can be determined.

The Tyler Banking Company (private) of Tyler, Texas, closed its doors owing, it is said, to heavy withdrawls of deposits. Assets, $40,000; liabilities, $20,000. The officials say all depositors will be paid.

Eight additional survivors of the lost steamer Londonian were rescued by the North German Lloyd steamer Maria Rickmers. They arrived at Baltimore a few days ago.

Carl McBride and his wife were driving in a sleigh from their home, near North Star, to Burgettstown, Penn. When near Raccoon station, on the Pan Handle Railroad, an express train dashed into them. Both were terribly mangled and instantly killed. They had been married but a few weeks.

Mrs. Mary Jones Walthall, widow of Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, died in Memphis, Tenn., aged fifty-eight years.

Robert Moore, a farmer, living five miles east of Hazleton, Ind., shot and mortally wounded Charles and Paris Becker, brothers, at the village church door. The trouble arose over the question of feneing the church property.

The barrel mill at the Moosic Powder Works at Scranton, Penn., containing 600 kegs of blasting powder, blew up. The workmen were at dinner so no lives were lost.

Patrick McNulty, aged seventy years, disappeared from his home in North Attleborough, Mass., and his body was found in Ten Mile River.

Edward S. Hayes, a saloon keeper in New York City, was shot and killed by his brother, John D. Hayes, a former Red Cross nurse, during a quarrel.

Foreign.

A reception was given at Havana, Cuba, by Captain Chadwick, of the New York, to the officers of the United States cruiser Topeka, a few days ago. While the reception was in progress the boats' crews of the Topeka and the New York raced, the Topeka men winning by a length.

The Filipino insurgents demand that Spain turn over to them as ransom for the Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos the $20,000,000 which the United States is to pay under the terms agreed upon for the cession of the islands.

The Spanish and American Peace Commissioners were presented to President Faure, of France, a few days ago, and thanked him for his courtesies to them during the sessions of their conference.

The Spanish Government has agreed to pay the January coupon of the Cuban debt.

A secret treaty exists between China and Russia by which Russia was to aid China with army and navy if necessary until her army is organized.

Russia has sold half a million obsolete Berdan rifles to China, with which to arm the Manchu troops.

A sensation was caused in Madrid, Spain, a few days ago by the discovery in the anteroom of Senor Sagasta's official residence of an intoxicated soldier repatriated from Cuba, armed with a knife. The man was asleep.

A Deputy in the Italian Chamber asserted that an agreement equivalent to a formal treaty existed between Great Britain and Italy relative to North Africa.

FATAL RIOT IN HAVANA.

Effort to Honor General Garcia's Memory Causes a Clash.

THREE CUBANS SHOT TO DEATH.

Cubans Shot in an Encounter With Spanish Officers—Captain-General Castellanos Orders Cafes and Theatres Closed—Troops Guard Hotel Inglaterra—Cuban Generals Escorted to Marianao.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—Three Cubans were killed and one Spanish officer and two Cubans were wounded Monday night in an affray between some Spanish officers off duty and a number of citizens and a party of Cubans who wished to close the Tacon Theatre on account of the death of General Garcia at Washington. The Spanish troops on duty intervened and restored order.

A Cuban officer in uniform became involved in a quarrel with a Spanish officer at the Cafe Tacon, adjoining the Hotel Inglaterra. Other Cuban and Spanish officers, attracted by the row, came from every direction, and blows were soon exchanged between the original disputants. Then the trouble became general.

Several shots were fired, and the crowd, which by this time had grown to large proportions, made a rush toward the Hotel Inglaterra, where a number of American officers are stopping. The fighting continued in front of the hotel, and several more shots were exchanged, but no attempt was made to attack the Americans.

General Greene and General Humphreys, with their staffs, did their best to restore order. General Greene sent an aide to the palace to inform Captain-General Castellanos of the trouble. The Captain-General immediately sent a detachment of troops to the hotel to maintain order.

During the fighting Jesus Sotolongo and Pedro B. Jiminez, Cuban officers, and Eustace Lemus, a negro, were killed and Arturo Touzet, a French citizen, and several others were wounded. General Castellanos issued the following proclamation:

"As there are some individuals who wish to disturb public order in the centre of the city, where is located the hotel in which many American citizens are stopping, and being myself resolved to prevent, with all my authority, a further repetition of scenes such as occurred last night, I order:

"First—That after to-day all the cafes around the Central Park and the Hotel Inglaterra be closed at 6 p. m.

"Second—After that hour it is forbidden to drive carriages by these places, with the exception of the carriages of the Spanish authorities and the American Generals. The tramway cars and omnibuses will be permitted to run as usual.

"Third—All performances are forbidden in the theatres and no public balls will be allowed to be held except by permission of the civil Governor.

"Fourth—All the streets adjacent to the Hotel Inglaterra will be safeguarded by the forces of the army, which will be appointed to that duty by the Military Governor of the city.

"Fifth—The troops will disperse all groups of persons in front of the Hotel Inglaterra after 7 o'clock at night."

In accordance with this proclamation troops are now guarding the hotel. Generals Sanguily and Lacret of the Cuban Army, who were at the hotel, were taken to the Cuban camp at Marianao under an escort of American and Spanish officers. They will not return to Havana until January 1.

GENERAL RIVERA FREE ACAIN.

The Noted Cuban Leader Rejoins His Wife After a Long Separation.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—General J. Rius Rivera, the Cuban soldier who succeeded to Maceo's command in Pinar del Rio Province, and was captured early last year by the Spaniards, arrived on the French Line steamer La Champagne. He was released last month from a Spanish prison, at Barcelona, to which he had been condemned for a life sentence, in pursuance of the plan of amnesty to Cuban prisoners observed by Spain after the cessation of hostilities.

GENERAL J. RIUS RIVERA.
(The Cuban General Who Has Been Released From a Spanish Prison.)

General Tomas Estradr Palma headed the party who gathered to meet General Rivera, and with them was Mrs. Rivera, who since her husband's imprisonment has made her home with the family of General Palma, at Central Valley, N. Y. She was overjoyed at seeing her husband, and there was an affectionate meeting when finally she reached the cabin of the steamer.

General Rivera is but forty-eight years old, but his hair has become very gray since his incarceration. He is a little above medium height, slender and erect, and though somewhat pallid, seemed to be in very good health.

A Flood in St. Petersburg.

The River Neva suddenly rose nine feet a few nights ago, inundating the lower quarters of St. Petersburg, Russia, where communication was carried on by boats. The inhabitants were panic stricken, and there was great loss of property, but no loss of life has been reported.

What Doctors Think of Wearing Rubbers.

Here's the first law of health—*Keep your feet dry.* We all know it. We all know that pneumonia and consumption always start with a cold, and that the shortest cut to a cold is a pair of wet feet. But it's so important a matter that we can't be reminded too often, especially when the reminder carries the weight of authority.

Dr. Wendell C. Phillips, one of the most distinguished physicians in New York, was recently giving a lecture on "Colds, and How to Prevent Them." It was a rainy night, and he began:

"How many persons here wore rubbers to-night? Hands up.

"Not half of you. Now, that is what I thought. Every one of you should have rubbers on a night like this. To go without them is to invite colds, bronchial trouble, catarrh and pneumonia. It is astonishing how people neglect their feet. Rubbers are fifty cents. You can save a lot of money on the investment—perhaps a ten-days' doctor bill, to say nothing of medicine."

The doctor might have made it still stronger and said that a fifty-cent pair of rubbers would not only save doctor bills and medicine bills, but often life itself. Don't try to save on rubbers; it's the most expensive economy in the world, especially just now when everybody is getting the grip.

He Knew Bill.

It is a far hark back to 1815, but still there are some survivors of Waterloo knocking about Australia, according to the colonial papers. There is one in the Liverpool Benevolent Asylum, near Sydney, and an enterprising Sydney reporter went up to interview him the other day. "So you were in the battle of Waterloo?" queried the reporter. "Yes," said the old man, "I remember it all as if it was only yesterday." "Did you know Bill Adams, who got the V. C. there?" asked the press man. "I should think I did," replied the veteran; "he was serving in the same company as me!" —London Chronicle.

America's Product.

Another board school story. The question is asked in the lower standard of a board school—"What sort of horses do they find on the great prairies of America?" Answer of intelligent scholar, trained to observation on the praries of London—"Please, sir, tram-horses."—London Chronicle.

Easy Work.

Too much exercise leaves one a prey to soreness and stiffness, but it is easy work for St. Jacobs Oil to get the muscles back into proper shape and cure the distress.

Gold coins are in circulation twice as long as copper ones.

Coughs Lead to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Most of the phosphorus used in the world is produced from bones.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle

The United States is first in tobacco consumption.

Dr. Seth Arnold's Cough Killer invaluable as a Cough remedy. Effect magical.—LIZZIE J. JUNK, 448 West 25th St., N. Y., Dec. 11, 1897.

The Queen of England has sixty housemaids at Windsor Castle.

Beauty marred by a bad complexion may be restored with Glenn's Sulphur Soap.
Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50c.

According to statistics there are still 300 log schoolhouses in Michigan.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

The male sex in the dominion of the Khedive exceeds the female by 160,000.

I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption to sufferers from Asthma.—E. D. TOWNSEND, Ft. Howard, Wis., May 4, 1894.

The Angles and the Saxons of Southern Germany were the first Anglo-Saxons.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The average number of rainy days in Havana, Cuba, is from 112 to 115.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. $1. All druggists.

The Japanese language contains no blasphemous words.

DYSPEPSIA

"For six years I was a victim of dyspepsia in its worst form. I could eat nothing but milk toast, and at times my stomach would not retain and digest even that. Last March I began taking CASCARETS and since then I have steadily improved, until I am as well as I ever was in my life."
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DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "Light in Darkness"—A Discourse That Will Be Comforting to the Sick and Helpless—Shut in For an All-Wise Purpose.

TEXT: "The Lord shut him in."—Genesis vii., 16.

Cosmogony has no more interesting chapter than the one which speaks of that catastrophe of the ages, the submersion of our world in time of Noah, the first ship carpenter. Many of the nations who never saw a Bible have a flood story—Egyptian flood story, Grecian flood story, of which Ducalion was the Noah; Hawaiian flood story, New Zealand flood story. Chinese flood story, American Indian flood story—all of which accounts agree in the immersion of the continents under universal rains, and that there was a ship floating, with a select few of the human family and with specimens of zoological and ornithological and reptilian worlds, although I could have wished that these last had been shut out of the ark and drowned.

All of these flood stories represent the ship thus afloat as finally stranded on a mountain top. Hugh Miller, in his "Testimony of the Rocks," thinks that all these flood stories were infirm traditions of the Biblical account, and I believe him. The worst thing about that great freshet was that it struck Noah's Great Eastern from above and beneath. The seas broke the chain of shells and crystal and rolled over the land, and the heavens opened their clouds for falling columns of water which roared and thundered on the roof of the great ship for a month and ten days. There was one door to the ship, but there were three parts to the door, one part for each of three stories. The Bible account says nothing about parts of the door belonging to two of the stories, and I do not know on which floor Noah and his family voyaged, but my text tells us that the part of the door of that particular floor on which Noah stayed was closed after he had entered. "The Lord shut him in." So there are many people now in the world who are as thoroughly shut in, some by sickness, some by old age, some by special duties that will not allow them to go forth, some surrounded by deluges of misfortune and trouble, and for them my sympathies are aroused, and from them I often receive messages, and this sermon, which I hope may do good to others, is more especially intended for them. To-day I address the shut in. "The Lord shut him in."

The world has no statistics as to the number of invalids. The physicians know something about it, and the apothecaries and the pastors, but who can tell us the number of blind eyes, and deaf ears, and diseased lungs, and congested livers, and jangled nerves, and neuralgic temples, and rheumatic feet, or how many took no food this morning because they had no appetite to eat, or digestive organs to assimilate, or have lungs so delicate they cannot go forth when the wind is in the east, or there is a dampness on the ground or pavement because of the frost coming out? It would be easy to count the people who every day go through a street, or the number of passengers carried by a railroad company in a year, or the number of those who cross the ocean in ships, but who can give us the statistics of the great multitudes who are shut in? I call the attention of all such to their superior opportunities of doing good.

Those of us who are well and can see clearly, and hear distinctly, and partake of food of all sorts, and questions of digestion never occur to us, and we can wade the snowbanks and take an equinox in our faces, and endure the thermometer at zero, and every breath of air is a tonic and a stimulus, and sound sleep meets us within five minutes after our head touches the pillow, do not make so much of an impression when we talk about the consolations of religion. The world says right away: "I guess that man mistakes buoyancy of natural spirits for religion. What does he know about it? He has never been tried." But when one goes out and reports to the world that that morning on his way to business he called to see you and found you, after being kept in your room for two months, cheerful and hopeful, and that you had not one word of complaint, and asked all about everybody, and rejoiced in the success of your business friends, although your own business had almost come to a standstill through your absence from store or office or shop, and that you sent your love to all your old friends, and told them that if you did not meet them again in this world you hoped to meet them in dominions seraphic, with a quiet word of advice from you to the man who carried the message about the importance of his not neglecting his own soul, but through Christ seeking something better than this world could give him—why, all the business men in the counting room say: "Good! Now, that is religion!" And the clerks get hold of the story and talk it over, so that the weigher and cooper and hackman standing on the doorstep say: "That is splendid! Now, that is what I call religion!"

No doubt while on that voyage Noah and his three sons and all the four ladies of the antediluvian world often thought of the bright hillsides and the green fields where they had walked and of the homes where they had lived. They had had many years of experiences. Noah was 600 years old at the time of this convulsion of nature. He had seen 600 springtimes, 600 summers, 600 autumns, 600 winters. We are not told how old his wife was at this wreck of earth and sky. The Bible tells the age of a great many men, but only once gives a woman's age. At one time it gives Adam's age as 130 years and Jared's age as 162 years and Enoch's age as 365 years, and all up and down the Bible it gives the age of men, but does not give the age of women. Why? Because, I suppose, a woman's age is none of our business. But all the men and women that tossed in that oriental craft had lived long enough to remember a great many of the mercies and kindnesses of God, and they could not blot out, and I think they had no disposition to blot out, the memory of those brightnesses, though now they were shut in. Neither should the shut in of our time forget the blessings of the past. Have you been blind for ten years? Thank God for the time when you saw as clearly as any of us can see and let the pageant of all the radiant landscapes and illumined skies which you ever looked upon kindle your rapturous gratitude. I do not see Raphael's "Madonna di San Sisco" in the picture gallery of Dresden, nor Rubens' "Descent From the Cross" at Antwerp, nor Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment" on the ceiling of the Vatican nor St. Sophia at Constantinople, nor the Parthenon on the Acropolis, nor the Taj Mahal of India, but shall I not thank God that I have seen them? Is it possible that such midnight darkness shall ever blast my vision that I cannot call them up again?

Again, notice that during that forty days of storm which rocked that ship on that universal ocean of Noah's time the door which shut the captain of the ship inside the craft kept him from many outside perils. How those wrathful seas would like to have got their wet hands on Noah and pulled him out and sunk him! And do all of you of the great army of the shut in realize that, though you have special temptations where you are now, how much of the outside style of temptation you escape? Do you, the merchant incarcerated in the sick room, realize that every hour of the day you spend looking out of the window, or gazing at the particular figure on the wall, or listening to the clock's ticks men are being wrecked by the allurements and uncertainties of business life? How many forgeries are committed, how many trust funds are swamped, how many public moneys are being misappropriated, how many bankruptcies suffered! It may be, it is, very uncomfortable for Noah inside the ark, for the apartment is crowded and the air is vitiated with the breathing of so much human and animal life, but it is not half as bad for him as though he were outside the ark. There is not an ox, or a camel, or an antelope, or a sheep inside the ark as badly off as the proudest king outside. While you are on the pillow or lounge you will make no bad bargains, you will rush into no rash investments, you will avoid the mistakes that thousands of men as good as you are every day making.

Notice also that there was a limit to the shut in experience of those ancient mariners. I suppose the forty days of the descending and uprising floods and the 150 days before the passengers could go ashore must have seemed to those eight people in the big boat like a small eternity. "Rain, rain, rain!" said the wife of Noah. "Will it never stop?" For forty mornings they looked out and saw not one patch of blue sky. Floating around amid the peaks of mountains Shem and Ham and Japhet had to hush the fears of their wives lest they should dash against the projecting rocks. But after awhile it cleared off. Sunshine, glorious sunshine! The ascending mists were folded up into clouds, which instead of darkening the sky only ornamented it. As they looked out of the windows these worn passengers clapped their hands and rejoiced that the storm was over, and I think if God could stop such a storm as that He could stop any storm in your lifetime experience. If He can control a vulture in midsky, He can stop a summer bat that flies in at your window. At the right time He will put the rainbow on the cloud and the deluge of your misfortunes will dry up. I preach the doctrine of limitation, relief and disenthrallment. At just the right time the pain will cease, the bondage will drop, the imprisoned will be liberated, the fires will go out, the body and mind and soul will be free. Patience!

Notice also that on the cessation of the deluge the shut ins came out, and they built their houses and cultured their gardens and started a new world on the ruins of the old world that had been drowned out. Though Noah lived 350 years after this worldwide accident and no doubt his fellow passengers survived centuries I warrant they never got over talking about that voyage. Now I have seen Dore's pictures and many other pictures of the entrance into the ark, two and two, of the human family, and the animal creation into that ship which sailed between two worlds—antidiluvian world and the postdiluvian world—but I never saw a picture of their coming out; yet their embarkation was not more important than their disembarkation. Many a crew has entered a ship that never landed. Witness the steamer Portland, a few days ago, with 100 souls on board, going down with all its crew and passengers. Witness the line of sunken ships, reaching like a submarine cable of anguish across the ocean depths from America to Europe. If any ship might expect complete wreckage, the one Noah commanded might have expected it. But no; those who embarked disembarked. Over the plank reaching down the side of the ark to the Armenian cliffs on which they had been stranded the procession descended. No other wharf felt so solid or afforded such attractiveness as that height of Ararat when the eight passenger put their feet on it. And no sooner had the last one, the invalided wife of Japheth, been helped down the plank upon the rock than the other apartments of the ship were opened, and such a dash of bird music never filled the air as when the entire orchestra of robin redbreast, and morninglark, and chaffinch, and mocking bird, and house swallow took wing into the bright sky, while the cattle began to low and the sheep to bleat and the horses to neigh for the pasture, which from the awful submergence had now begun to grow green and aromatic. I tell you plainly nothing interests me more in that tragedy from the first to the last act than the "exit" and the "exeunt," than the fact that the "shut-ins" became the "got outs." And I now cheer with this story all the inmates of the sickrooms and hospitals, and those prisons where men and women are unjustly endungeoned, and all the thousands who are bounded on the North and South and East and West by floods, by deluges of misfortune and disaster. The ark of your trouble, if it does not land on some earthly height of vindication and rescue, will land on the heights celestial.

And as I now find many in hurricanes of trouble, though I cannot quiet the storm, I can strike a match to light up the darkness, and I strike a match. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." I strike another match. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." I strike another match. "We have a High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and He was in all points tempted like as we are." Are you old? One breath of heaven will make you everlastingly young again. Have you aches and pains? They insure Christ's presence and sympathy through the darkest December nights, which are the longest nights of the year. Are you bereft? Here is a resurrected Christ whose voice is full of resurrectionary power.

But do not think that heaven is made up of any indiscriminate population. Some of my friends are so generous in their theology that they would let everybody in without reference to condition or character. Do not think that libertines or blasphemers and rejecters of God and His gospel have "letters of credit" that will draw anything from the bank of heaven. Pirate crafts will not be permitted to go up that harbor. If there are those who as to heaven are to be "shut ins," there are those who will belong to the "shut outs." Heaven has twelve gates, and while those twelve gates imply wide open entrance for those who are properly prepared to enter them they imply that there are at least twelve possibilities that many will be shut out, because a gate is of no use unless it can sometimes be closed. Heaven is not an unwashed mob. Show your tickets or you will not get in—tickets that you may get without money and without price, tickets with a cross and a crown upon them. Let the unrepentant and the vile and the offscourings of earth enter heaven as they now are, and they would depreciate and demoralize it so that no one of us would want to enter, and those who are there would want to move out. The Bible speaks of the "withouts" as well as the "withins." Revelation xxii., 15, "Without are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Through the converting, pardoning, sanctifying grace of God may we at last be found among the shut ins and not among the shut outs!

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 25.

Christmas Lesson—Text: Hebrews i, 1-9—Golden Text: Luke ii., 11—Memory Verses, Hebrews i., 1-2—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Instead of a quarterly review we are given the choice of a Christmas lesson, which probably many will prefer.

1. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by prophets." We have in previous lessons been considering how God by the prophets entreated the people to turn again to Him that He might bless them, and since the time when in the garden of Eden He sought Adam with the question "Where art thou?" He has been ever seeking to win man back to Himself. He does this in different ways, as it is written in Hos. xii., 10, "I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and used similitudes by the ministry of the prophets." Job xxxiii., 29, 30, in the light of the previous part of the chapter, tells how in many ways He does this. The great thing to be remembered is that whatever or whoever may be the instrumentality it is God Himself that is doing it.

2. "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His son, whom He hath appointed heir to all things, by whom He also made the worlds." The Son Himself referred to this when in Math. xxi., 37, in the parable of the vineyard, He speaks of the Father as last of all sending to them His son, saying, "They will reverence My Son." But instead of reverencing Him they took Him and slew Him. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. His own people would not have Him and His own possessions found no room for Him, just as at His birth there was no room for Him in the inn, and when they crucified Him He was numbered with transgressors, and they made His grave with the wicked.

3. "Who, being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." God was in Christ. He was God manifest in the flesh (II Cor. v., 19; I Tim. iii., 16), but the glory that was in Him was generally concealed. It was veiled by His mortal body (Heb. x., 20), yet on the Mount of Transfiguration it shone forth and was witnessed by the favored three (II Pet. i., 17; John i., 14). The phrase "express image" is just the word "character" in the Greek and is, I think, used nowhere else. In Jesus Christ we see the character of God, and there is no character in us that amounts to anything apart from Christ in us. He, by the sacrifice of Himself, put away forever the sins of all who receive Him. He has made provision for the salvation of all, but those only who come receive the benefit, How can they come unless they hear?

4. "Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." The angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto the heirs of salvation, but to any of them God never said, "Sit on My right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (verses 13, 14). He made Himself for a little while inferior to the angels, taking upon Him our nature that He might in due time lift us up to His position (chapter ii., 5-18).

5. "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee?" And, again, "I will be to Him a Father and He shall be to Me a Son." The first quotation here refers to His resurrection from the dead (Ps. ii., 7; Acts xiii., 33); the second to His being heir to the throne of David (II Sam. vii., 14). No angel can ever sit on David's throne, nor can an angel ever possess a mortal body made immortal. The word "better" is one of the key words of this epistle, and in chapters i. and ii. the central thought seems to be "better than angels," while in the following chapters it is better than Moses or Aaron or the tabernacle, and we are to run with patience the race that is set before us," "looking unto Jesus" and waiting for Him to come back from heaven. He was with power declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead, and we shall be fully manifest as sons of God in the resurrection.

6. "And again when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him." The margin says, "When He bringeth again," and evidently refers to His second coming in power and glory, and this is the sense of Ps. xlvii., from which the quotation is made, for it speaks of His reign and His judgment of His enemies and His kingdom. It is written in Dan. vii., 10, in connection with the judgment, that thousand ministered unto Him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

7. "And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." This is from Ps. civ., 4, which is full of God's care of His creatures and ends with the first hallelujah in Scripture. In Ps. ciii., 20, we read, "Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearken unto the voice of His word," and in the last verse of our lesson chapter we learn that they all minister unto the heirs of salvation. They ministered unto our Lord, who for a little while made Himself lower than they. They minister unto us who are for the present inferior to them but when He shall appear we shall be like Him, in immortal resurrection bodies.

8. "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom." This verse and the next are from the forty-fifth psalm, which tells of the King and His marriage, and is also told in Math. xxv. and Rev. xix. as preceding the kingdom. Notice that the Son is called God, confirming what we have already said in this lesson. He is now on the Father's throne at His right hand, but He will come to His own throne in due time, and then it shall be seen that God has given Him a name above every name (Rev. iii., 21; Math. xxv., 31; Phil. ii., 9) The despised and rejected Son of God, of whom the world takes no cognizance and who seems to be very little known even by those who bear His name, yet in whose hand is the breath of every living thing shall yet be acknowledged as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.—Lesson Helper.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning Dec. 25—Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M.—Topic, The Christian Anthem.

Scripture Reading.—Luke ii, 13, 14.—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

Music of some kind finds place in nearly all forms of worship, heathen as well as Christian. In the Jewish temple service it had a conspicuous place. Among the most profound literature of human sentiment and devotional piety must be reckoned much of the book of Psalms, most of which was adapted to special tunes and particular instruments in the musical service of the temple. This book of Psalms in all ages since has been an inexhaustible storehouse of inspiration and expression to all who have attempted to put in language the penitence of a sinful soul and the aspirations after a God of purity and mercy.

But the loftiest theme of human thought and of sacred poetry and song was not presented until God became incarnate in human form. Around the manger cradle of Immanuel beams a glory undreamed of among men before. All powers of ecstatic jubilation seem to animate the choir of angels who announce His birth to wondering shepherds on the hillsides, where aforetime David kept his flocks and praised Jehovah with harp and voice.

Men have drawn ceaseless inspiration from the Nativity, and while other gods fall from their thrones and their worshipers become mute, the praises of the Christ Child swell ever more exultant and harmonious.

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The Worth of Christmas.

This is not to be estimated by the gifts one receives, nor by the volume of trade the merchants have had. Holly and evergreen decorations of sanctuary and home do not express it. No musical service can sing it; no eloquence can voice it. All together do not comprehend it. Its worth lies in deepening the soul's recognition of the nearness of God and the value of manhood. Jesus, the Lord of all worlds, has become one with us in our nature that we may become one with Him in the divine nature. What are you worth now? What value does the birth of Jesus Christ add to us, each one? All that is worth living for here and hereafter gets its value from the association of our lives with His life who has all the fullness of God.

Walking Together.

"How can two walk together except they be agreed?" is a very old question and must be answered now as ever in the past—it is impossible. If you are to walk with Jesus, you must keep step with Him. At this season of the year strong inducements are held out to Christians to mingle in the frivolities of worldly society.

In many churches the old time fire of revival work is no longer known or desired. If remembered, it is with a sense of shame. If mentioned, it is with a tone of apology. Fashionable entertainment, however æsthetic, can never replace the moral earnestness of the fathers. Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost. Conversion means a changed mind and life. If you walk with Christ, you will find a cross. If you walk with the world, you will find a heartache and a lonely grave. Walk with Jesus, and the journey shall end in joy and life.

Christmas Bells.

Hark! The bells of Christmas ringing;
All abroad their echoes flinging;
Wider still and wider winging
On the waste of wintry air.
On their solemn, swift vibrations
Rapture, rapture, through the nations—
Rapture till their glad pulsations
Million blissful bosoms share!

Glory! Glory! God descending,
Weds with man in bliss unending.
Hark! The ecstatic choirs attending
Smite their lyres with tempest sound.
Shout! Old Discord's reign is riven;
Peace on earth! Good will is given!
Shout the joy through highest heaven!
Make the crystal spheres resound!

Crown Him, monarchs, seers and sages!
Crown Him, bards, in deathless pages!
Crown Him king of all the ages!
Let the mighty anthem rise!
Hark! The crash of tuneful noises!
Hark! The children's thrilling voices!
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Golden Eagle Clothing Hall.

Good old Santa Claus writes us from the North Pole that he hopes we will pardon him for not coming in our window this year, but it will be impossible, as he has too many other engagements. But knowing of the goodness and largeness of our stock and the littleness of the prices, he asks one and all of you to come here and make your holiday purchases, as we have almost everything that men or boys wear. Kindly glance over this advertisement and see if there are not many articles mentioned here that you will want to buy, then come to the store and examine the goods; if they don't suit you, you don't have to buy.

Christmas Presents for Men.

The most appropriate presents we can think of for our gentlemen friends and patrons are the unusual values specially prepared for this season of gift-giving—values that will put money in their pockets by saving it on clothing purchases.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Heavy winter weight suits, Black, Blue or mixed colors, for men, well made and serviceable, sold in most stores at $7.50 and $8.00, our price $5.00.

Men's strictly all wool Fancy Worsted or Black Clay Worsteds usually sold at $15.00, our Holiday Season price will be $10.00.

All sorts and styles of Men's Overcoats in Beaver, Melton, Kersey, Covert Cloth and Shetland Cloth Storm Overcoats, stylish and serviceable garments, everyone worth at least one third more, $15.00, $12.00, $10.00, $7.50, $5.00 and $3.98.

Men's separate trousers, for work or scuff, 89c., $1.00 and $1.25.

Dress Pants in all wool materials, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.75.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

We point with particular pride to the department devoted to Children's Clothing. Stocked as it is with the very newest novelties the market affords. Prices are never high, qualities are never low.

SUITS, REEFERS, ETC.—Boys' Double Breasted Suits, sizes 8 to 16 years, in nice, neat effects made to sell for 25 per cent. more than our prices which are $1.25, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 and $4.00.

CHILDREN'S VESTEE SUITS, sizes 3 to 8 years.—Handsomely made with large Braided Collar, $1.75, 2.25, 3.00, 3.75 and 4.50.

BOYS' CHINCHILLA REEFERS, sizes 3 to 15 years, worth $2.75, our price $1.69.

BLACK OR BLUE ASTRACHAN REEFERS, sizes 3 to 8 years, made to sell for $4.00 and 5.00. Our price for the holiday season is $2.98 and 3.75.

BOYS' CAPE OVERCOATS, $1.25 and $1.50, worth double the money.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS, 20c., 45c., 69c. and $1.00.

SATCHELS, SUIT CASES, ETC,

Genuine Alligator Satchels in large and medium size at $10.00 and $12.00.

Solid Sole Leather Satchels at $5.00 to $8.00.

Cheaper Leather Satchels from 90c. to $2.50.

Imitation Alligator Satchels for 50c. to $2.00.

Suit Cases, sizes 22 and 24, in olive and tan color, $2.25 and $2.00.

Also the better grades of Solid Sole Leather and Alligator Suit Cases at $5.00 to 9.50.

Flat Top Trunks, with sheet iron bottoms and Excelsior locks, sizes 28, 32 and 34, prices $2.50, 2.75, 3.00 and 3.25.

Also the better grades of trunks from $4.00 to 9.00.

Drawer Trunks (made by Frank Stallman), the only trunk of the kind on the market, at $10.00, $12.00 and $15.00.

COLLARS AND CUFFS.

Collars, in linen, all of the new and popular shapes, 15c. or two for 25c.

Genuine Celluloid Collars, different shapes, 15c.

Cuffs, in links, round or square corners, 25c a pair.

We also have an elegant assortment of Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Shirt Studs, Scarf Pins, etc.

Christmas Furnishings.

Something that one can wear is peculiarly acceptable as a gift. These may help the ladies to decide what is best for husband or gentleman friend.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

Plain white, with hemstitched borders, at 25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., and $1.00.

Also in white silk, hemstitched, with beautiful initials worked in, for 25c. and 50c.

Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, white, with initials, 12½c.

White Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs, in prices from 8c. to 50c.

MUFFLERS.—All styles, from the cheap cotton kinds at 25c. to the pure silks at $2.50.

NECKWEAR.—Late Styles, Bows, String Ties, Imperials, Four-in-Hands and Puffs, at 25c. and 50c.

NIGHT ROBES for men and boys, 50c. Also the better grades for men from 75c. to $2.00.

GLOVES.

Kid Gloves, lined or unlined, 50c. to $1.50.

Mocha and Castor Gloves, lined and unlined, $1.00 and $1.50.

Wool Gloves and Mittens, 25c. and 50c.

HOSE.—Wool or cotton, at 9c. to 50c. a pair.

UMBRELLAS for gents or ladies start in price from 50c. and up to $3.50.

HATS.—Stiff Hats, from $1.25 to $3.00, in all the late shapes and shades.

Soft Hats. All the late shapes from 50c. to $2.75.

CAPS.—In the latest styles for Men and Boys, some pull down over the ears and some don't, 25c. and 50c.

UNDERWEAR

Of all kinds to suit everybody. They start at the Scotch Random Wool at 25c. to the best grades as high as $2.00.

SWEATERS for Men and Boys at 50c., $1.00, $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50.

CARDIGAN JACKETS in cotton mixed, all sizes, at $1.00.

Cardigan Jackets, strictly all wool, at $1.75 and $2.00.

Also double-breasted ones, in different colors, $2.50 and $3.00,

SUSPENDERS, in plain black, white and colors, at 25c., and 50c.

Guyot Suspenders, in plain white or colors, 50c.

Also imitation Guyots at 25c.

One pair Suspenders, one pair Arm Bands, one pair Garters, in pure silk, packed in a beautiful glass box, price $1.00. This makes a beautiful and very acceptable gift for any young man.

SHIRTS, with long or short bosom, any size neck, any sleeve length, 50c.

Eclipse Shirt, in white, long or short bosom, any sleeve length, $1.00.

Manhattan Full Dress Shirts, all sizes and any sleeve length, $1.50.

Fancy Bosoms, also colored all over Shirts, with separate cuffs, 50c., 75c. and $1.00.

Colored Shirts, with two separate collars and cuffs attached, 50c.

Everybody is cordially invited to call and see our Christmas decorations, the most elaborate ever in town, and does credit to our Floral Artists, Messrs. Swivel Bros.

HUGO MAYER, Manager,

Corner Fourth and Penn Streets, Huntingdon, Penn'a.

Which

Do you prefer? A single or a double Heater? We have both in stock, and can furnish you with either, and with grates to burn either

Hard or Soft Coal,

it makes no difference to us, and but a few dollars to the buyer. The class of Heating Stoves we carry are on a par with our celebrated Dockash Range. Need we say more? If you are in the market for a heating stove call and see what I have to offer.

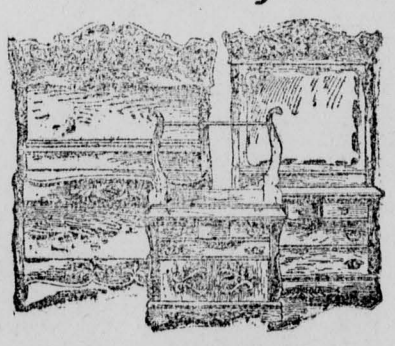
Hard Coal Stoves range in price from $14 to $35. Soft coal double heaters from $14 to $22.50.

JOHN REYNOLDS,

(Next door First National Bank.)

Huntingdon, Pa.

Builders' Supply and Furnishing Store.



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We can supply you with everything necessary to build and furnish a house, and at prices so low they will astonish you.

In addition to the above we keep a full line of the choicest confectionaries.

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Over my fresh arrival of

MISSES', GENTS' and CHILD'S SHOES.

Surprise, first, at the LARGE ASSORTMENT.

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Surprise, third, at the IMMENSE VARIETY.

Surprise, fourth, at the LOW PRICES.

I have been some time in getting these "surprises" all here and ready for you, but at last am able to announce

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I solicit a comparison of goods and prices, knowing you will find that my NEW STOCK is the best and cheapest.

J. C. Hazlett,

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Fresh and pure stock—sold at lowest prices in town.

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